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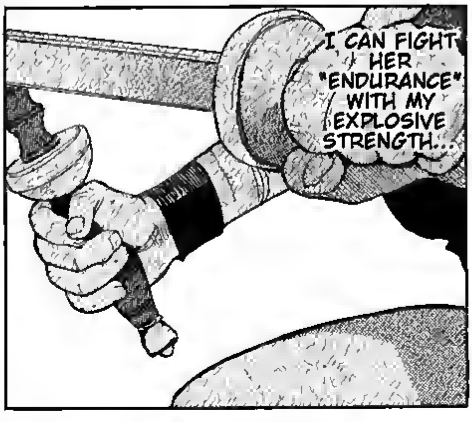
CHAPTER 43

BUT, MY STRENGTH LIES IN THE IGNITION FORCE! THAT SHOULD COMPENSATE THE GAP BETWEEN US!
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT SHE REALLY IS A BETTER WEAPON USER THAN ME...

IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I STILL HAVE MY "KEI"!


I CAN FIGHT HER "ENDURANCE" WITH MY EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH...

BUT HER TECHNIQUES AREN'T THAT SPECTACULAR.
AS LONG AS I PAY ATTENTION TO HER / "HAKKEI", I'LL BE FINE!
SHE MIGHT BEAT ME IF I LET MY GUARD DOWN.
TSSK, SHE REALLY HAS SOME INCREDIBLE POWER.
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キンキン
THIS IS HER ONLY CHANCE OF SUCCESS...
RIGHT NOW, SHE IS ONLY AFRAID OF "HAKKEI"!!
BUT IT WON'T WORK AGAIN...
SHE CAN WIN IF SHE CAN DISARM HER LIKE THE LAST TIME AND GO FOR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT...

UH!
WHAT KIND OF POWER IS THIS...

AN ADVANTAGE!
SHE'S SUPPRESSING HER OPPONENT WITH HER EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH!
SHE IS USING A "KAN" AND A "KOUBEN"* AS WEAPONS.
UNLIKE A SWORD, THE KAN COUNTS AS A "BATON WEAPON"
BUT UNLIKE THE KAN, THERE ARE MANY EDGES TO STOP THE OPPONENT'S WEAPON
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED A WHIP**, IT IS ALSO A BATON WEAPON.

TS NOTE: * KOUBEN MEANS HARD WHIP ** REFFERING TO THE KOUBEN

I SEE. HER AIM IS TO DESTROY ALL MY WEAPONS!
WHEN I AM UNARMED, SHE WILL STRIKE WITH HER HAKKE! THAT MUST BE HER PLAN!
YOU'RE NAIVE!
HOUMEI!
I HAVE PLENTY OF WEAPONS LEFT...
IT IS FOOLISH OF YOU TO TRY THIS ON ME!

YOU'LL BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE I RUN OUT OF WEAPONS!
TRYING TO BEAT ME WITH YOUR POWER?
IT'S NOT OVER YET!
UH...
TAAA -----!!
DON'T!
HOUMEI! DON'T OVERDO IT!

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, YOU ARE TOO NAIVE!!

KA...!!
YOU PUT EVERYTHING IN THIS MOVE?
BUT YOU BARELY TOUCHED ME!
IT'S TIME TO FINISH YOU OFF,
THEN I'LL TAKE YOUR WEAPONS WITH ME.
I'm gonna...
IN ORDER TO USE YOUR HAKKEI, YOU NEED TO CONCENTRATE YOUR POWER FOR A WHILE. I SAW THROUGH IT AFTER WITNESSING IT ONCE!

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but why?
you barely touched me...you touched only my clothes...
are you actually much stronger than I thought?
INDEED I HAVE BARELY TOUCHED YOU...
BUT IN ORDER TO "BRING IT TO FLOW", I ONLY NEED A LITTLE BIT...
IF YOU OVERDO IT, YOU'LL REGRET IT...
LIKE I SAID...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HAVE RECOVERED, I ONLY NEED TO "BRING IT OUT" A LITTLE IN ORDER TO DO SOME DAMAGE...
YOU GUESSED RIGHT.
Is this because of the hakkei from last time?
YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED IN BED FOR 10 MORE DAYS.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE PREPARED.
HEHE...

THAT'S UNFORGIVABLE, I WILL KILL YOU!
DAMN YOU ----

IT'S STILL A "DRAW" BECAUSE BOTH OF THEM ARE INJURED.
THIS IS GREAT! BUT
HOUMEI IS STILL IN NO CLEAR ADVANTAGE!

I KNEW IT!
HOUMEI'S MOVEMENTS HAVE SLOWED DOWN!
SHE OVERDID IT BEFORE, NOW SHE'S RUNNING OUT OF STAMINA!
AAAAAAH!!
TSSK!
BROKEN AGAIN?

HAHA, THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO!
KU!
WHEN I BRING OUT MY NEXT WEAPON, YOU'RE FINISHED!
!?

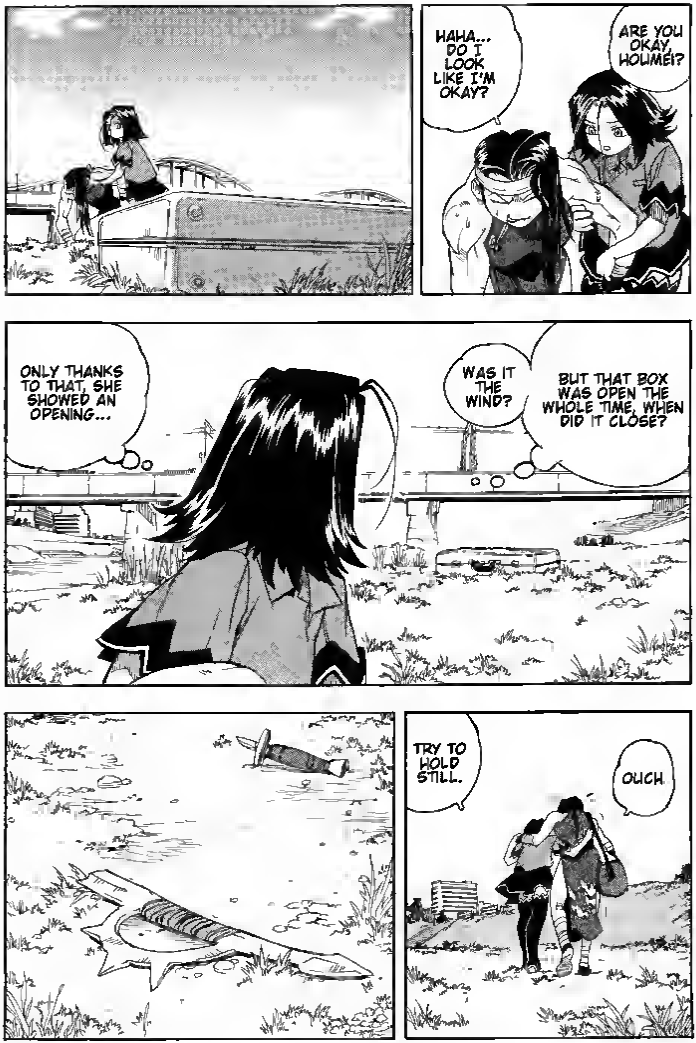
パタン
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, HOUMEI!
WHEN DID I CLOSE IT?
EH?

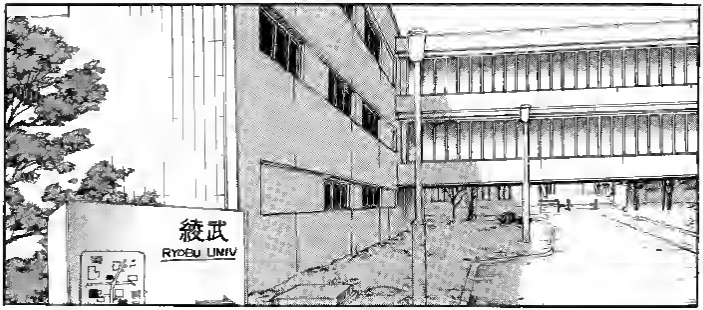
TORYAAAAH!
CRAP
...

AND BEFORE YOU CAN RECOVER...

KEIHOU!!!
(FORCE CANNON)

HUFF
WHY DO I ALWAYS END UP IN THIS CONDITION?
WHY AM I ALWAYS THE ONE GETTING BEATEN UP?
HUFF
HA... HAHA...
SHE...
SHE DID IT...


ARE YOU OKAY, HOUMEI?
HAHA... DO I LOOK LIKE I'M OKAY?
BUT THAT BOX WAS OPEN THE WHOLE TIME. WHEN DID IT CLOSE?
WAS IT THE WIND?
ONLY THANKS TO THAT, SHE SHOWED AN OPENING...
OUCH.
TRY TO HOLD STILL.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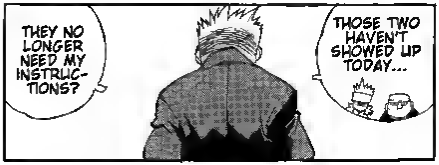
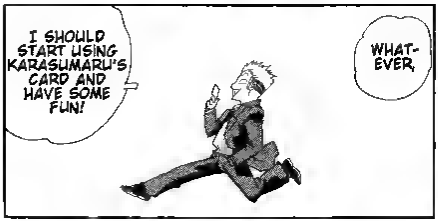

THEY NO LONGER NEED MY INSTRUC-TIONS?
THOSE TWO HAVEN'T SHOWED UP TODAY...


I SHOULD START USING KARASUMARU'S CARD AND HAVE SOME FUN!
WHAT-EVER.

...NO WAY.
SHE WAS SENT TO HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.
SHE WON'T RECOVER SO SOON.
WHAT ABOUT CHAMONI?
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY TWO LEFT...
SIGH~~~ AS LONG AS WE DON'T PROVOKE HIM, JOUKYUU IS HARMLESS.
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A PLAN YET, TENHOU?
I UNDERSTAND YOUR URGE TO CHALLENGE JOUKYUU AS A MARTIAL ARTIST.
BUT COMPARED TO THE MARTIAL ARTIST'S PRIDE, I FIND IT MORE URGENT TO GET RID OF THE "TACTICAL OBSTACLE" FIRST.

IT ISN'T JOUKYUU WHO IS TRYING TO STOP US.
BUT THE GIRLS AROUND HIM.
WE NEED TO THINK STRATEGICALLY NOW?
I DON'T REALLY LIKE THAT...
IT'S BEEN DECIDED,
THE TWO OF US...
WE WILL DEAL WITH KAGEYASU'S GANG FIRST!

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GEEZ... HOW DID I END UP WITH THIS ANNOYING GUY?
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
COME ON, JUST TELL ME ALREADY!
I HOPE NOBODY SEES ME WALKING WITH HIM ...
AREN'T YOU JOUKYUU'S GIRL?
JUST TELL ME WHERE HE IS, AND I'LL BUY YOU SOMETHING!
ARGH----I SHOULD JUST BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM HERE AND NOW!
THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE I WAS CARELESS.
I'M NOT MAD ABOUT YOU BEATING ME LAST TIME AT ALL,

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WHO'S THAT BIG ONE?
SHIKAE?

BUT WE CAN NO LONGER LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE.
SORRY, KAGEYASU ...
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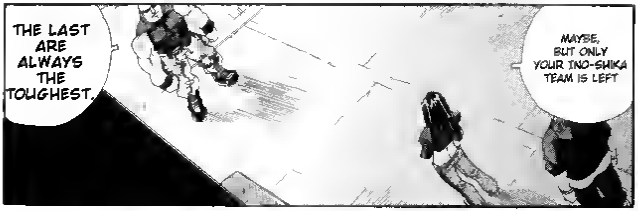
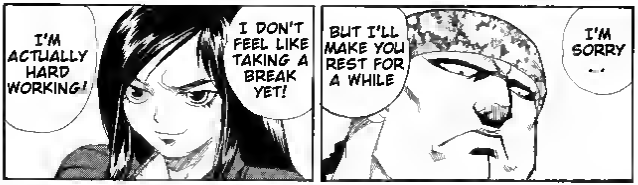
THEY ARE FINALLY STARTING TO TAKE ACTION.
SEEMS LIKE HE'S LOOKING FOR ME.


THE LAST ARE ALWAYS THE TOUGHEST.
MAYBE, BUT ONLY YOUR INO-SHIKA TEAM IS LEFT


I'M ACTUALLY HARD WORKING!
I DON'T FEEL LIKE TAKING A BREAK YET!
BUT I'LL MAKE YOU REST FOR A WHILE
I'M SORRY...

NICE BODY YOU GOT THERE, WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT APPARENTLY YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO HIT ON HER
WAIT.
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MY IDENTITY DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
UM...I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE EXPLAINING BECAUSE IT'S DUMB.
KAGEYASU, WHO IS HE?
HE'S SERIOUS
I DON'T LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN.
YOU...LOOK PRETTY STRONG, I'LL TAKE YOU ON.
LET ME SHOW YOU THE "CRUEL WORLD".

?

NO, BECAUSE HE'S WITH JOUKYUU, HE MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH!
HE DOESN'T LOOK VERY STRONG THOUGH...
I MUSTN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.

LOOKS LIKE HE'S WELL TRAINED...
IS HE A NEW MEMBER OF JOUKYUU'S TEAM?

HEHE, AIN'T I A RELIABLE PERSON OR WHAT?
YOU STEP BACK.

YO! LEAVE IT TO ME!
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU! I'LL PICK UP YOUR BONES LATER!
EH? PICK UP BONES...?

I'll get going now...
yeah...

I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT MORON...
BUT I'M AFRAID TAKATORI AND KIZUKI ARE ALSO IN TROUBLE!
I NEED TO WARN THEM!

KARATE? JUDO?
BOXING?
I'M A WRESTLER?

BUT BE WARNED, I HAVE STUDIED BOXING, KARATE AND JUDO!
OKAY, YOU CAN ATTACK WHENEVER YOU WANT!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? FROM WHICH WRESTLING CLUB ARE YOU?

NO WAIT... HE ACTS LIKE A TOTAL NEWBIE, THIS IS SUSPICIOUS
LOOK AT HIS MOVEMENTS... FULL OF OPENINGS, HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HAS PRACTICED BOXING OR KARATE.

HUH?
THIS TIME, I WILL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!
I WAS BEATEN BY SOMEONE LIKE HIM BEFORE...
THEN, HOUMEI USED HER CHANCE TO...
YEAH, KIZUKI IS ALSO HERE.
ME? I'M WITH KUNITOSHI.
WHAT IS IT?

SENSEI? I'M GLAD YOU'RE WITH THEM!
IF SENSEI IS THERE, THEY WON'T DARE TO LAY A FINGER ON THEM!
HM?
KUNITOSHI, IT'S FROM KAGEYASU.
HAVE YOU ALREADY KICKED HIS ASS?
BY THE WAY, IS THAT TALL GUY WITH YOU?
LAY A FINGER? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S OKAY THEN, I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU!
SHOULD I TELL HIM THE TRUTH?
NOT REALLY...
EH?
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEM...
OH, LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE TAKING THINGS SERIOUSLY NOW.

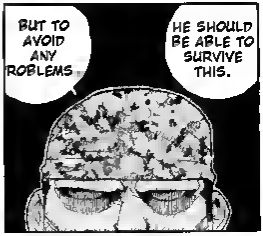
...TO BE HONEST, I THINK KIZUKI AND MIU CAN TAKE ON THOSE TWO.
HEY!
I DON'T MIND, IF THEY WANNA FIGHT I'LL ACCEPT IT!
IN ANY CASE, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THEM ALONE, SENSEI!
THAT'S ALL?
THOSE TWO ARE PRETTY MUCH THE BEST FIGHTERS UNDER KARASUMARU.
I TAUGHT THEM A FEW THINGS
THEIR SKILLS ARE RIGHT INBETWEEN THE OTHER FOLLOWERS OF KARASUMARU AND HE HIMSELF.
NOT AGAIN...
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE CHECKING UP ON THEM FROM TIME TO TIME
IT WOULD BE A SURPRISE IF YOU COULD BEAT THEM THOUGH------
HEY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CHECKING UP...
YOU COULDN'T EVEN HANDLE THAT POISON-USING BRAT! HAHAHA...

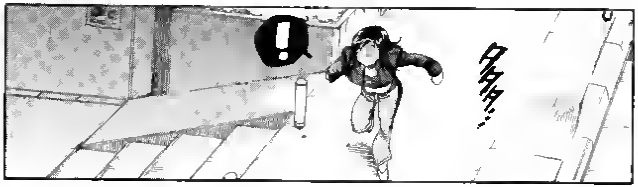
BUT FIRST, I'LL GET "THAT"!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE INO-SHIKA MYSELF...
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GET THOSE TWO INVOLVED.
GEEZ...
...THIS IS BAD.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

HE REALLY WAS JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON...
I HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...
IS HE DEAD?

KAGEYASU'S PLAN?
WAS THAT...

I BETTER GET GOING NOW


BUT TO AVOID ANY ROBLEMS
HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THIS.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AHH!!

I SHOULD LEAVE NOW.
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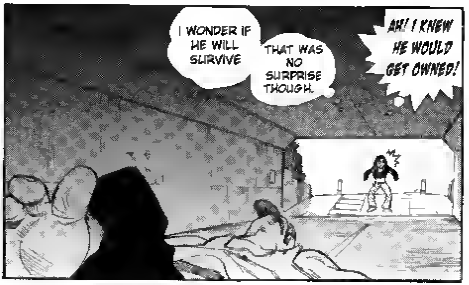
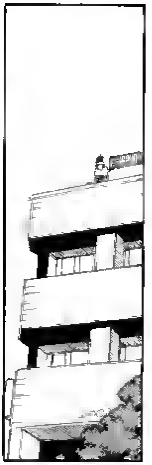
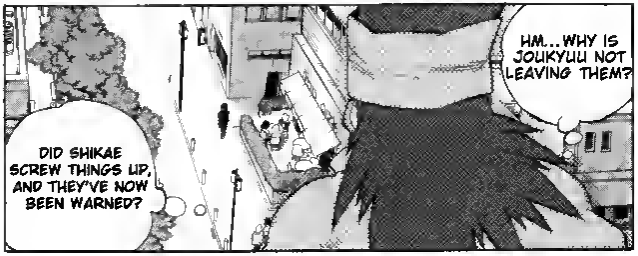

I WONDER IF HE WILL SURVIVE
THAT WAS NO SURPRISE THOUGH.
AH! I KNEW HE WOULD GET OWNED!

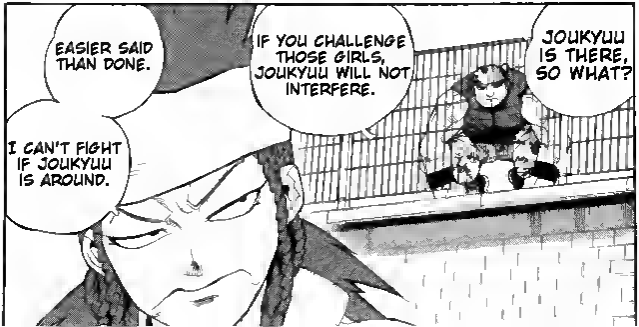
LEAP
HA HA




HM... WHY IS JOUKYUU NOT LEAVING THEM?
DID SHIKAE SCREW THINGS UP, AND THEY'VE NOW BEEN WARNED?

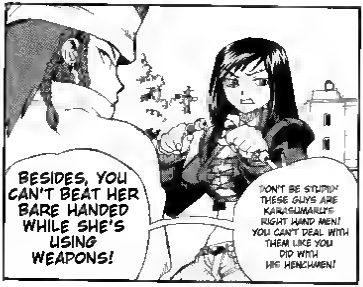
EXPLAIN IT TO ME, YOU GIANT STAG!
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS ..
MESSED UP? I DON'T KNOW...
I COULD NOT SUCCEED BECAUSE OF SOME INCIDENTS.

SHIKAE?
YOU COULDN'T HANDLE THEM EITHER?
BY "EITHER" YOU MEAN... YOU REALLY MESSED UP?


EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
IF YOU CHALLENGE THOSE GIRLS, JOUKYUU WILL NOT INTERFERE.
JOUKYUU IS THERE, SO WHAT?
I CAN'T FIGHT IF JOUKYUU IS AROUND.

OOOH!
OH?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY AFRAID OF JOUKYUU.
NOW I CAN GO!
HE'S LEAVING! JOUKYUU LEFT.
THE SAME APPLIES FOR ME.
AFTER HAVING BEEN TAUGHT BY HIM I'M EVEN MORE AFRAID
DON'T GET MAD.
START WITH THOSE TWO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS...
OKAY, NOW WE WILL...
I FEEL LIKE A BULLY.

I'M SORRY, YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
HELLO THERE, MISS.
GAGGA
KAGEYAGU! ATTACKING FROM BEHIND IS CHEAP!
I MADE IT IN TIME!
UWOH!


BESIDES, YOU CAN'T BEAT HER BARE HANDED WHILE SHE'S USING WEAPONS!
DON'T BE STUPID! THESE GUYS ARE KAIKISHARA'S RIGHT HAND MEN! YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH THEM LIKE YOU DID WITH HIS HENCHMEN!

HEY KAGEYASU, DON'T INTERFERE!
SHE'S LOOKING FOR US.

THEN I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU TWO.
VERY WELL.
TWO VERSUS ONE SHOULD BE FAIR ENOUGH.

NO NEED TO HOLD BACK, YOU CAN COME AT ONCE.
I URGE YOU TO DO SO!
AND YOU CAN BE RELIEVED I'M NOT USING ANY WEAPONS!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
TWO VERSUS ONE?
I DON'T REALLY CARE WHICH ONE I TAKE ON.
THEN IT'S BEEN DECIDED!
WAIT! I WILL FIGHT YOU NEXT...
YOU ARE AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE?
I DON'T EVEN THINK YOU CAN BEAT INO ...

DON'T EVEN DOUBT IT!
YOU SURE WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER?
SHIKA!?

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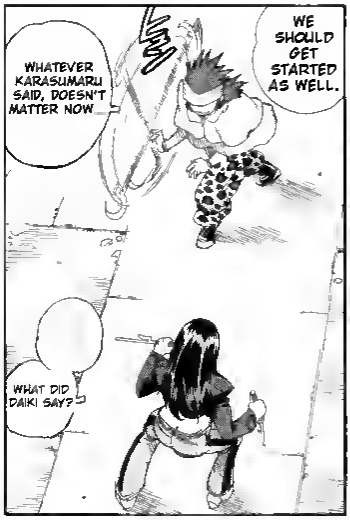
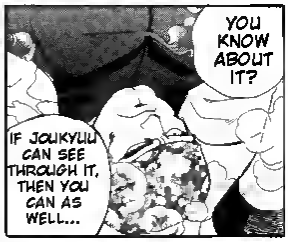
I KNOW!
WATCH OUT FOR HIS LEGS!
OR SHOULD I SAY, THIS IS HOW I FIGHT...
UN-FORTUNATELY MY POSITION DOES NOT MATTER TO ME,


WHATEVER KARASUMARU SAID, DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
WE SHOULD GET STARTED AS WELL.
WHAT DID DAIKI SAY?

IT WOULD BE FATAL IF THAT HITS!
UWAH! HE'S STRONG!


YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
IF JOUKYUU CAN SEE THROUGH IT, THEN YOU CAN AS WELL...

WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE HER.
HE STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR YOU.
SHE WAS MY GIRL-FRIEND AFTER ALL.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT:
BUT...

IF THE SITUATION ASKS FOR IT,
THEN I'LL DO IT MYSELF.
HA!!

USING THESE JUTTE TO BLOCK MY SICKLE, IT MUST BE HARD...
YOU CAN'T DEFEND FOREVER.

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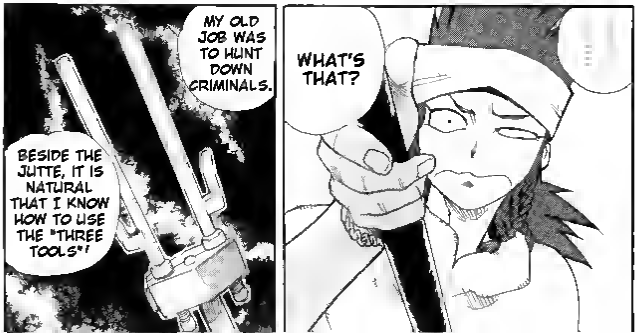
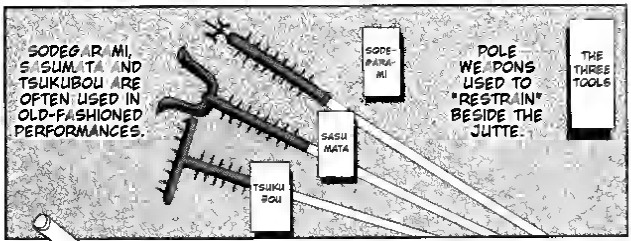
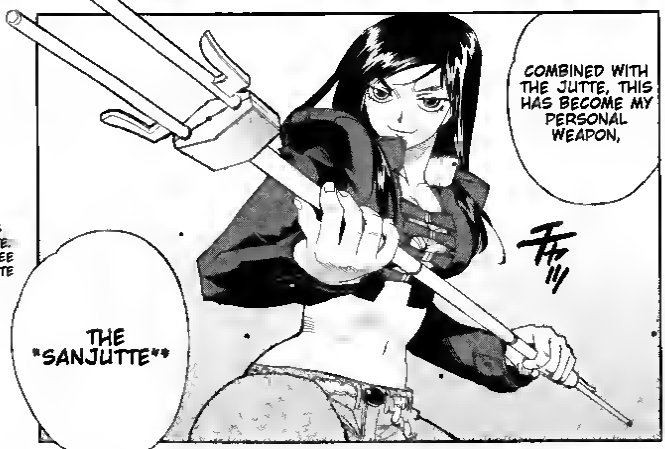

MY OLD JOB WAS TO HUNT DOWN CRIMINALS.
BESIDE THE JUTTE, IT IS NATURAL THAT I KNOW HOW TO USE THE "THREE TOOLS"!
WHAT'S THAT?


SODEGARAMI, SASUMATA AND TSUKUBOU ARE OFTEN USED IN OLD-FASHIONED PERFORMANCES.
SODE-GARAMI
SASU MATA
TSUKU BOU
POLE WEAPONS USED TO "RESTRAIN" BESIDE THE JUTTE.
THE THREE TOOLS



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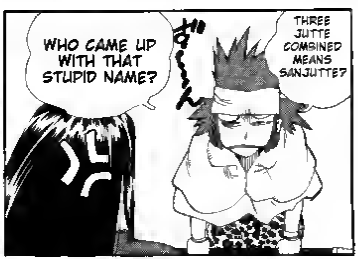

THEY ARE HAVING SOME FUN OVER THERE...
WE SHOULD GET SERIOUS AS WELL.
SHOW THEM TO ME.
SHOW ME YOUR SKILLS.
OKAY!
LET'S DO IT, KIZUKI.
IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE COULD EVEN DEFEAT A GRIZZLY!

THERE IS NO WAY THEY CAN STAND AS STABLE AS THE LEGS!
NO MATTER HOW WELL-TRAINED YOUR ARMS ARE,
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WHA?

TAKA...!?
I CAN ALSO USE MY ARMS.
IF ONLY FOR AN INSTANT,
SO THIS GUY IS A STREET DANCER
OH, PRETTY IMPRESSIVE

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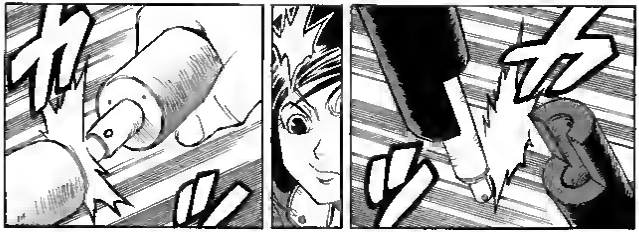
CHAPTER 45

BY THE WAY, I AM THAT TOWEL.
BEFORE YOU GET HURT, I'LL THROW IN THE TOWEL, SO DON'T WORRY AND FIGHT.
IN THAT POSE, YOUR ARMS ARE PRETTY HARMLESS.
YOU OKAY, TAKATORI-SAN?
HMPH, HE ONLY GOT MY SHOULDER.

NO MATTER HOW STRONG HIS ARMS ARE, THEY CAN'T BE AS FLEXIBLE AS LEGS!
HIS POSE . . . IT'S LIKE A "TURRET"!
BUT WITH THEM, HE'S LIKE A FAST-MOVING FORTRESS
INDEED, I CAN ONLY USE MY ARMS TO DEFLECT ATTACKS.
BUT IT WILL STILL HURT IF I HIT YOU.
YOU WANNA TRY?
THEN LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING ELSE THAN JUST MY LEGS!
FLY
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT US IN TERM OF SPEED?
HE'S LOOKING DOWN ON US.

HEH, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD WITH THE STAFF.
LOOKS LIKE I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU BEFORE.

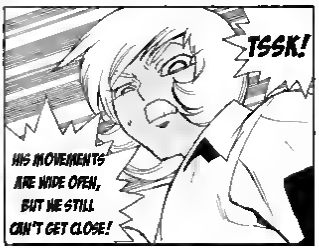
SICKLES CANNOT BE USED AS A STABBING WEAPON, THE MOVEMENTS HAVE TO BE CIRCULAR.
BUT ADDITIONALLY, IT ALSO INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF "HOOKING"
TSSK...
HOW CAN SHE BE SO RELAXED?
PULL
UH!



WHAT THE HELL,
WE HAD THE SAME INTENTIONS?

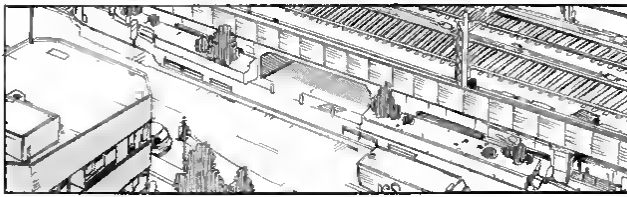
I CAN USE THEM LIKE CHAIN SICKLES
THAT'S RIGHT.
USING THEM LIKE NUNCHAKUS.
I WAS AFRAID YOU CAN ALSO SPLIT YOUR WEAPON IN HALF,

HIS CENTER OF GRAVITY IS EVEN LOWER THAN USUAL!
THIS WAY, EVEN IF WE THROW OR SWEEP HIM, IT'LL DO US NO GOOD!


TSSK!
HIS MOVEMENTS ARE WIDE OPEN, BUT WE STILL CAN'T GET CLOSE!

THAT BASTARD!!

DON'T EXPECT TO THROW ME THAT EASILY.
THERE IS NO POINT IN DOING SO.
JOUKYUU HAS TAUGHT ME THE PRINCIPLES OF AIKIDO.



HUH?
HM?
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BULL-KUN! WHAT'S WRONG?
WAKE UP.

I CAN'T TELL THEM ABOUT ME BEING DEFEATED WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING HIM!
THAT STUPID JIMMY, WHY HAS HE BROUGHT EVERYONE?

EVEN BULL-KUN WAS DEFEATED, THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
HM, ABOUT THAT...
HOW COULD BULL-KUN END UP LIKE THIS?
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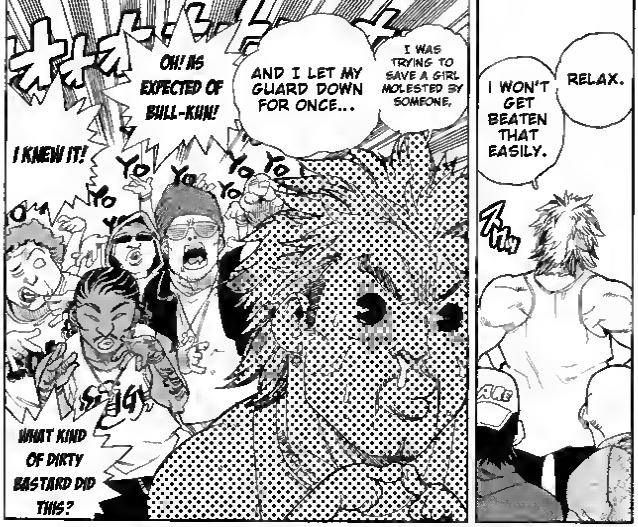
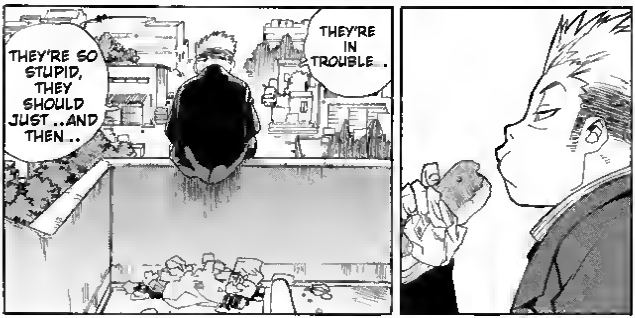
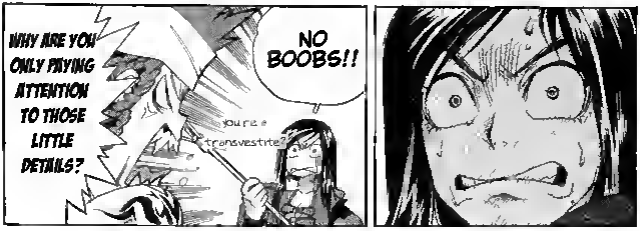

OH! AS EXPECTED OF BULL-KUN!
I KNEW IT!
AND I LET MY GUARD DOWN FOR ONCE...
I WAS TRYING TO SAVE A GIRL MOLESTED BY SOMEONE.
WHAT KIND OF DIRTY BASTARD DID THIS?
RELAX.
I WON'T GET BEATEN THAT EASILY.

ALL OF YOU, CHILL..
LISTEN TO ME..
HOW MANY ARE THEY? 10? OR 100?
WE CAN'T JUST LET IT BE, WE NEED TO PAY BACK!


THEY'RE SO STUPID, THEY SHOULD JUST..AND THEN..
THEY'RE IN TROUBLE.

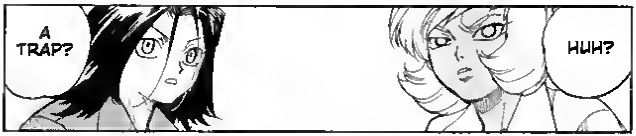
TSSK, THIS IS LAME.
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY TIME.

I'LL GET SERIOUS NOW.
NOW I FEEL MUCH LIGHTER, AND MY ATTACKS WILL ALSO BECOME FASTER...


WHY ARE YOU ONLY PAYING ATTENTION TO THOSE LITTLE DETAILS?
NO BOOBS!!
you're a transvestite!

IT FEELS LIKE TRYING TO APPROACH A SPINNING PROPELLER
WE CAN'T GET NEAR HIM!
THIS WAY IT'LL TAKE FOREVER.
HE CAN'T HIT US, BUT WE CAN'T HIT HIM EITHER

THIS IS ANNOYING.
GUESS I'LL GO FOR IT!


A TRAP?
HUH?

AND BEAT YOU BOTH.
OR I WILL COUNTER INSTEAD,
IT'S A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE.
EITHER YOU SUCCESSFULLY THROW ME...
I WILL FINISH THIS WITH MY NEXT STRIKE.

STILL HESITATING?
YOU'RE DISAP-POINTING ME
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PLATOON IAI
HARAI*!!
*TS NOTE: HARAI MEANS THROW
WHA...?
!?

WE CAN ATTACK FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS WITH OUR FOUR ARMS...
TO "IMITATE" HIS IAI HARA!
WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE LIKE JOUYKUU.
BUT WITH BOTH OF US TOGETHER...
BECAUSE THEY ARE PERFORMING THIS AS A PAIR, THEY CAN DO IT.
NO WAY, THOSE TWO CAN USE THAT MOVE AS WELL?
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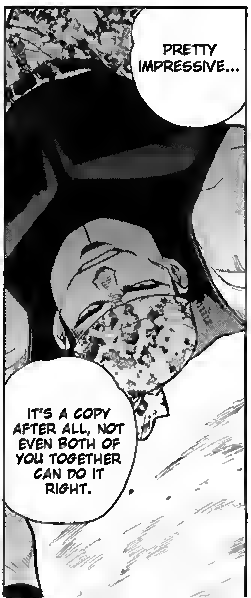
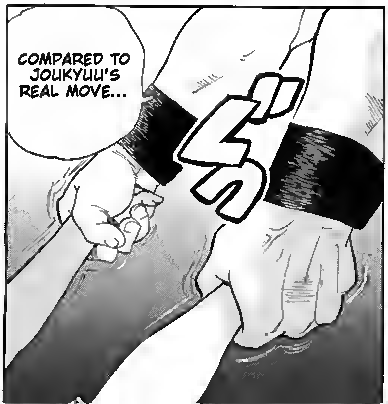
I HAVE WITNESSED THE REAL THING FROM JOUKYUU.
I ALSO SAW KARASUMARU'S COUNTER MEASURE.


PRETTY IMPRESSIVE...
IT'S A COPY AFTER ALL, NOT EVEN BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER CAN DO IT RIGHT.


COMPARED TO JOUKYUU'S REAL MOVE...

DEFEATING YOUR VERSION IS A PIECE OF CAKE!
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KIZUKI
...!!
KU!
SHE REALLY HAS SOME KIND OF COMPLEX...
I WILL SHOW YOU THAT WITHOUT BOOBS, YOU CAN PRACTICE MARTIAL ARTS MUCH BETTER!
YOU'RE NEXT!
YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO LOOK AWAY?

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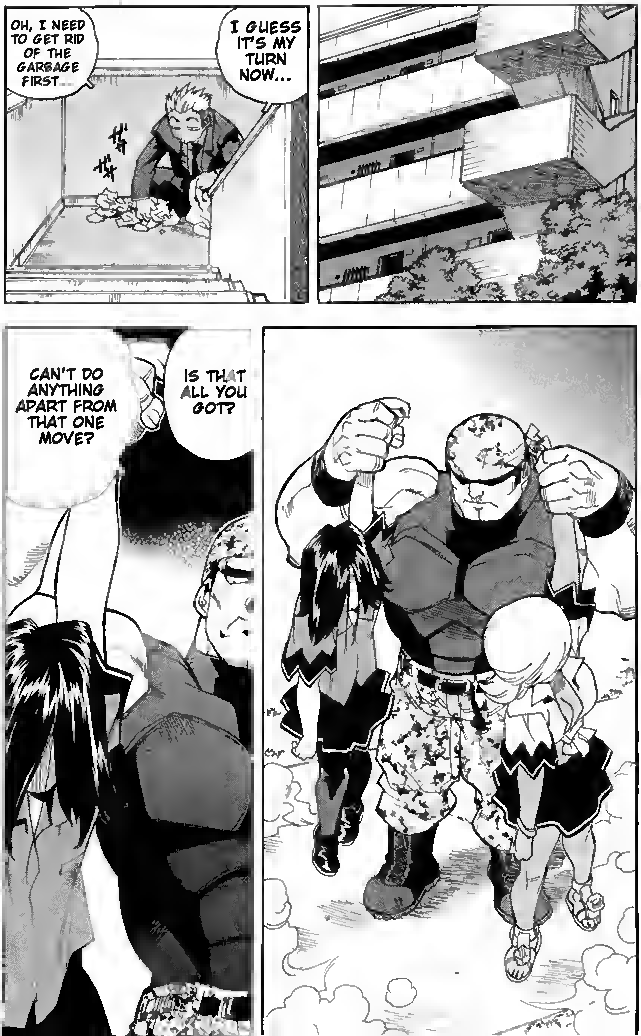
CHAPTER 46

UH!

THOSE TWO CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER
THIS IS BAD...
WHERE THE HELL IS SENSEI?


OH, I NEED TO GET RID OF THE GARBAGE FIRST...
I GUESS IT'S MY TURN NOW...
CAN'T DO ANYTHING APART FROM THAT ONE MOVE?
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?

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I FOUND HIM!!
?
?
IT MUST BE HIM!
HE'S ASSAULTING SOMEONE ELSE NOW!
HOW ABOUT WE TRY TO TAKE HIM ON?
HEY, HE LOOKS PRETTY TOUGH?
I FOUND HIM! HE'S AT THE WAREHOUSE!
COME HERE QUICKLY!

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LET'S BUTCHER HIM!
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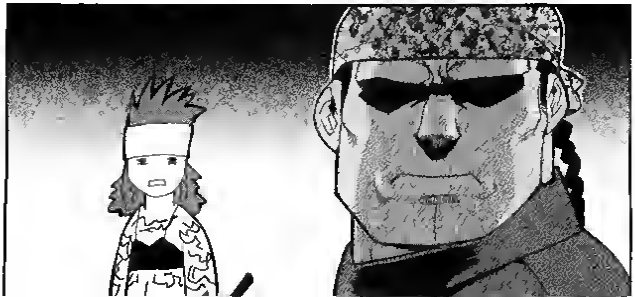
YEEEAAAAAH!!



EXPLANATION PLEASE?
WHAT'S THIS?
HUH?
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LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFTER US.
YOU DON'T KNOW THEM?
I DON'T KNOW THEM, AND I DON'T WANNA KNOW THEM.
IS THIS SOME KIND OF STREET PERFOR-MANCE?
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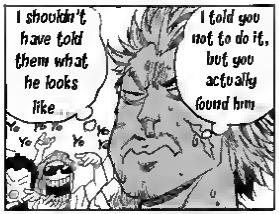
COWARD ...?
EH?

DON'T TELL ME...
BULL ...?

WE HAVE FOUND THE BASTARD WHO AMBUSHED BULL-KUN!
HE'S HERE, BULL-KUN!
NOW HE'S ATTACKING GIRLS! WHAT A COWARD!
Yo!


I shouldn't have told them what he looks like...
I told you not to do it, but you actually found him
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SO YOU KNOW THEM AFTER ALL!
IT'S HIM?
OH.
TELL ME, WHO ARE THESE MORONS!?

NOW IT'S PAYBACK TIME!
YOU'RE ATTACKING GIRLS AGAIN, YOU'RE BEYOND HELP!
BULL-KUN, FINISH HIM!
YO
YO
YO

OOOOOH!!
YOU GUYS GO GET HIM!
SH
WE ARE IN SUPERIOR NUMBERS ...
HEY, WHAT NOW? THERE ARE AT LEAST 60 OF THEM...
HE'S SENDING THE OTHERS?
OOOOOH!!

THAT'S UNEXPECTED... IN A WEIRD WAY, HE'S PRETTY AMAZING.
THAT BULL BROUGHT HIS HENCHMEN TO TAKE REVENGE
I GET IT NOW.
NOW DIE!!

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MAYBE HE'S A TRANSVESTITE? LET'S FINISH HIM OFF AS WELL!
WHY IS HE WEARING A BRA? WHAT A PERVERT.
YOU'RE A FRIEND OF THAT BIG GUY?
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS ONE?
LET ME GO, I WILL CHOP THEM INTO THIN SLICES!
CALM DOWN, IT WILL BE TROUBLESOME IF YOU KILL A REGULAR PERSON HERE!
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
uh...

HOW ABOUT I USE THE NON-EDGY PART?
OKAY, JUST WATCH OUT NOT TO KILL ANY OF THEM

BLAME YOURSELVES.
THIS IS SO ANNOYING.

URYAAAAH!
WATCH ME CRUSH THOSE COCKROACHES!

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM, AND HELP ME OUT!
SENSEI, WE'RE LEAVING NOW!
SOME SORT OF GATHERING OF COMEDIANS?
HUH, WHAT STREET PERFORMANCE IS THIS?

THEY HAVE FINISHED 20 OF OUR GUYS!
THEY'RE PRETTY TOUGH!
MODS
NEW YOKU

BULL-KUN, WE'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU!
AH...
EH?
BULL-KUN, WE CAN'T HANDLE THEM!

hey, why are you cheering me on...
please... stop... this...
they ko'ed 20 people in 1 minute
BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB

IF I BACK DOWN NOW, IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE...
NOBODY WILL EVER RESPECT ME AGAIN

COME HERE, I'M GOING TO SKIN YOU ALIVE!
YOU'RE THEIR BOSS?
THAT'S ENOUGH, WE'VE TAUGHT THEM A LESSON, NOW LET THEM GO.

WELL, THIS INCIDENT WAS UNEXPECTED.
THEY USED THEIR CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

BGM - FFCB
BGM - FFCB

YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'M HERE, SO WHAT'S THE RUSH?
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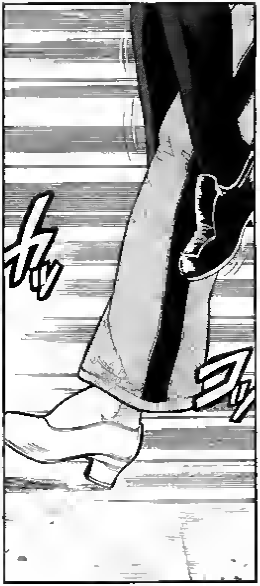
HA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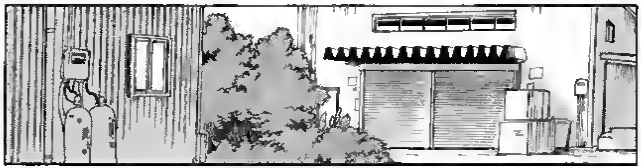
IT'S BECAUSE SENSEI SAID YOU WERE GOING TO WATCH OVER THEM!
RESTU
GIMME A BREAK...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS EXPECTING THIS, YOU STILL SUCK!

SAY IT ONE MORE TIME AND I'LL KILL YOU!
YOU TWO GET ALONG PRETTY WELL?
I DON'T KNOW THE REASON, BUT THAT BULL-KUN SAVED YOU.

BUT IT WAS INTERRUPTED BY THOSE CLOWNS.
I WAS GOING TO SHOW UP WHEN THEY BEAT YOU HALF DEAD,



YOU REALLY WANT ME TO DIE THAT BADLY!?
YOU IDIOTS!!
?
AMBUSH?
BULL-KUN, THIS TIME HE CANNOT AMBUSH YOU, SO IT'S PAYBACK TIME!
IT'S A DUEL NOW!
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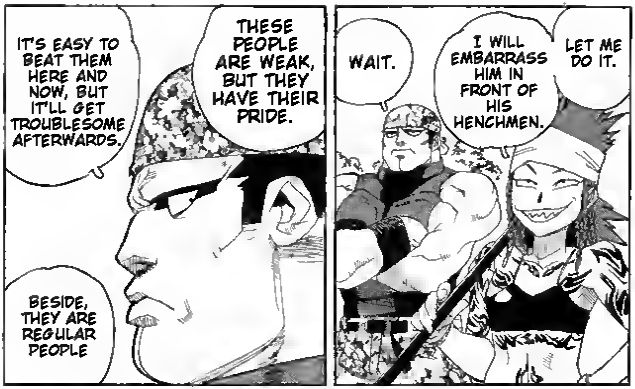
IT'S EASY TO BEAT THEM HERE AND NOW, BUT IT'LL GET TROUBLESOME AFTERWARDS.
THESE PEOPLE ARE WEAK, BUT THEY HAVE THEIR PRIDE.
BESIDE, THEY ARE REGULAR PEOPLE
WAIT.
I WILL EMBARRASS HIM IN FRONT OF HIS HENCHMEN.
LET ME DO IT.

I STILL HAVE MY OWN PRIDE.
THAT'S NOT IT.
HUH? YOU WANT US TO LOSE TO THEM ON PURPOSE?

NO, WATCH OVER THE EXIT, DON'T LET ANYONE ESCAPE!
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
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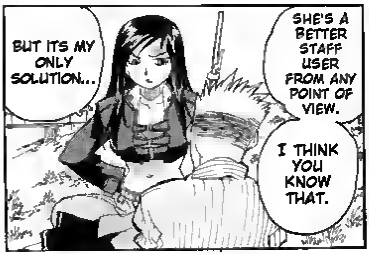
BUT HIS POWER WAS TOO MUCH TO BEAR.
THEIR BONES SHOULD BE ALRIGHT.
THEY GUARDED THEM WELL.
THE IMPACT MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY INTENSE.

I GUESS YOU WERE NO MATCH FOR INOGUCHI, USING THIS KIND OF PROVISIONAL WEAPON.
ABOUT THIS LONG JUTTE...

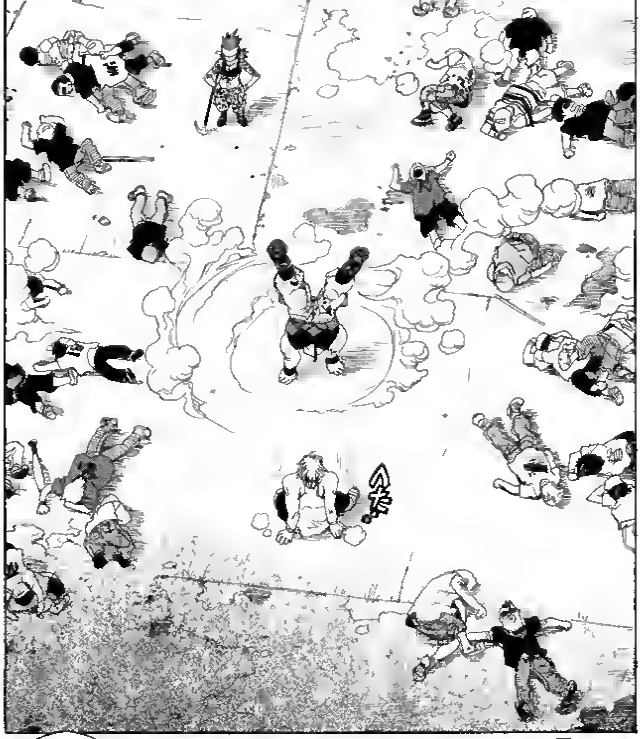
MAYBE YOU SHOULD SLEEP WITH HIM AS A THANKS
YOU SHOULD THANK BULL THAT YOU'RE SAFE.
YOU'RE STILL GOING...


BUT ITS MY ONLY SOLUTION...
SHE'S A BETTER STAFF USER FROM ANY POINT OF VIEW.
I THINK YOU KNOW THAT.

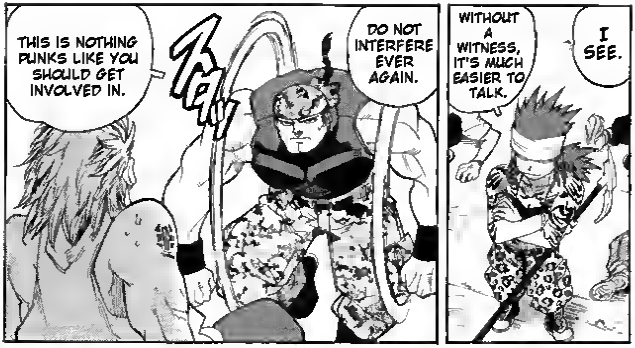
BUT...
USING YOUR BARE HANDS SHOULD BE MORE SUITED AGAINST THOSE SICKLES?
AREN'T YOU MY DISCIPLE?

I DIDN'T TEACH THEM ANYTHING SPECIAL, WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH?
THAT REMINDS ME, IF SENSEI DIDN'T TEACH THEM, THEN I WOULDN'T
YOU CAN REALLY GO STRAIGHT TO HELL!

IF YOU WANT MORE HINTS, THEN PULL OFF YOUR PANTS AND WAIT IN MY BED.
WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME DISCIPLE.
NO WAIT, I'LL PULL THEM OFF MYSELF...
GO TO HELL.


AK!

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHY I LET YOU STAY CONSCIOUS?
I ONLY KNOCKED THEM ALL OUT, DON'T WORRY.


THIS IS NOTHING PUNKS LIKE YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN.
DO NOT INTERFERE EVER AGAIN.
WITHOUT A WITNESS, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO TALK.
I SEE.

THAT WAY YOU WON'T LOSE FACE
YOU CAN TELL YOUR HENCHMEN, THAT "YOU BEAT US".

I THOUGHT WE COULD FINISH THIS WITH EASE.
WE NEED TO THINK OF ANOTHER WAY.
THIS IS REALLY BAD... THEY ARE NOW ALERTED AND WILL FORM A STRATEGY...
AH~ OUR WHOLE PLAN WAS RUINED BECAUSE OF THOSE SCUMBAGS.

ALL BECAUSE OF THIS GARBAGE!
HEY, STOP.
DON'T GO...
WAIT...
WA...

WHY AM I WAITING FOR THEM TO DISAPPEAR?
WHY CAN'T THEY HEAR ME?

WHY AM I GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE DID!?
YOU CAN TELL YOUR HENCHMEN, THAT "YOU BEAT US"...

YOU ALWAYS COME WHEN I'M HAVING DINNER.
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY MISS JOUKYUU!?
THIS FRIED RICE IS JUST AVERAGE.
THAT BULL SHOULD BE DEAD BY NOW?

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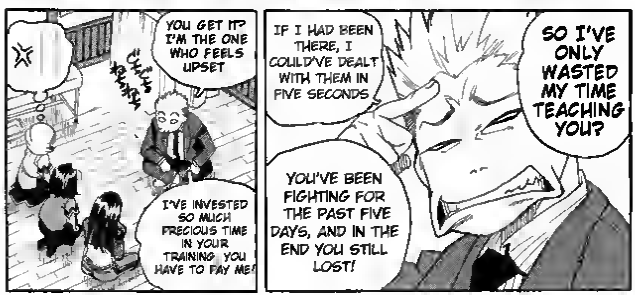
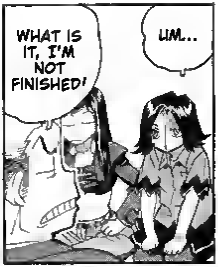
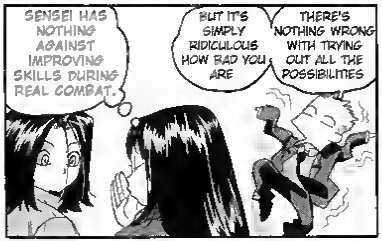
CHAPTER 47

HOW COULD YOU LOSE THAT BADLY?
YOU GUYS... WHAT WAS THAT~


YOU GET IT? I'M THE ONE WHO FEELS UPSET
I'VE INVESTED SO MUCH PRECIOUS TIME IN YOUR TRAINING, YOU HAVE TO PAY ME!
IF I HAD BEEN THERE, I COULD'VE DEALT WITH THEM IN FIVE SECONDS
YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE PAST FIVE DAYS, AND IN THE END YOU STILL LOST!
SO I'VE ONLY WASTED MY TIME TEACHING YOU?

SORRY FOR COPYING YOUR "IAI HARAI" AND LOSING THE FIGHT.
I'M SORRY.

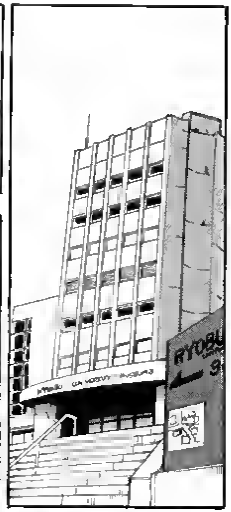

WHAT IS IT, I'M NOT FINISHED!
UM...


SENSEI HAS NOTHING AGAINST IMPROVING SKILLS DURING REAL COMBAT.
BUT IT'S SIMPLY RIDICULOUS HOW BAD YOU ARE
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH TRYING OUT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT
HUH?
IT'S UP TO YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN.
YOU DID IT BECAUSE YOU KNEW IT WAS JUST "COPYING"?

THEY ARE WORTHLESS.
BUT NOW THAT THE INO SHIKA COMBINATION HAS FINISHED THEIR MISSION,

I SEE SO THERE WERE SOME COMPLI-CATIONS
THAT'S TOO BAD.
I AM REALLY SURPRISED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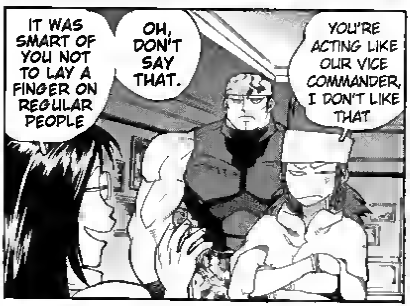
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE OUR VICE COMMANDER, I DON'T LIKE THAT
OH, DON'T SAY THAT.
IT WAS SMART OF YOU NOT TO LAY A FINGER ON REGULAR PEOPLE

BACKLASH ?
JOUKYUU HAS TAUGHT YOU FOR A WHILE, IS THAT CORRECT?

BUT BACKING DOWN NOW THAT YOU'VE PROGRESSED
I'M AFRAID THERE MIGHT BE A "BACKLASH".

YOU WERE THE ONE BEING USED WHEN YOU TRIED TO USE HIM.
BUT I DON'T THINK JOUKYUU IS THAT KIND OF PERSON.
MAYBE...

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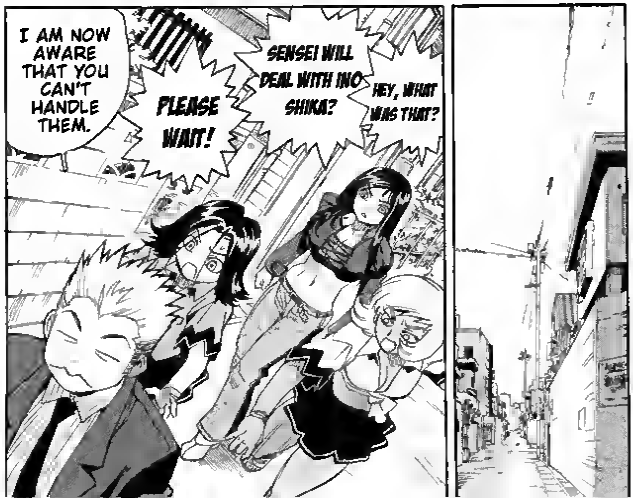
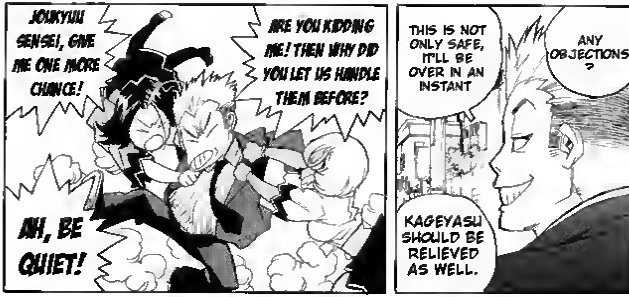

I AM NOW AWARE THAT YOU CAN'T HANDLE THEM.
PLEASE WAIT!
SENSEI WILL DEAL WITH INO-SHIKA?
HEY, WHAT WAS THAT?


JOUKYUU SENSEI, GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME! THEN WHY DID YOU LET US HANDLE THEM BEFORE?
AH, BE QUIET!
THIS IS NOT ONLY SAFE, IT'LL BE OVER IN AN INSTANT
ANY OBJECTIONS ?
KAGEYASU SHOULD BE RELIEVED AS WELL.

BUT..
THIS IS INDEED SAFER...

WHO'S THERE!?
I FOUND...

BULL?
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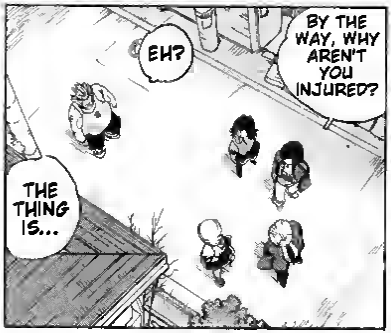
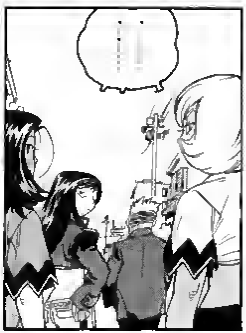
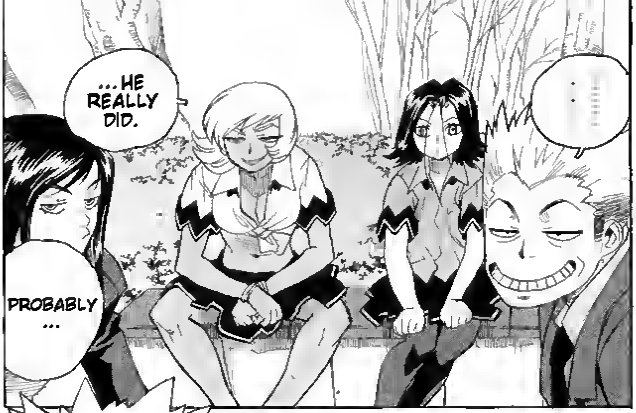
I GUESS THEY WERE OF SOME USE AFTER ALL.
IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
WHO ARE THOSE TWO?
PLEASE TELL ME!
SO ANNOYING ...
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, NOW YOU BETTER DISAPPEAR.

ALL MY FRIENDS GOT BEATEN UP BY THEM!
JUST TELL ME ALREADY!


EH?
BY THE WAY, WHY AREN'T YOU INJURED?
THE THING IS...



I SEE...
THEY HAD CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR PRIDE AS A MAN
TELL YOUR SUBORDINATES, THAT "YOU HAVE BEATEN US"...
AND DID YOU TELL THEM?
...WHAT?
I MEAN...
DID YOU TELL YOUR HENCHMEN?
THAT "YOU HAVE BEATEN THEM"...


...HE REALLY DID.
PROBABLY ...

WHAT---------!!?
I RESPECT YOU.
IMPRESSIVE
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UWAH YOU'RE THE WORST
ACTING ALL COOL AND TOUGH, AND THEN SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT

SINCE YOU'RE WEAK, THEN JUST PUT YOUR PRIDE ASIDE AND FOLLOW THE STRONG ONES TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.
THIS ISN'T LIKE IN THE MOVIES, WHERE YOU CAN JUST CHALLENGE THEM AGAIN.
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE ALIVE.

AND YOU DARE TO USE THE TERM "FRIENDS"?

IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, THEN THROW YOUR WORTHLESS PRIDE AWAY.
OR YOU WILL DIE.
IF YOU WANT TO ACT STRONG, YOU NEED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF "SKILL".
HIS WEIRD THEORIES AGAIN...
IF IT WAS ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT.
WELL DONE.
YOU MADE THE RIGHT CALL.

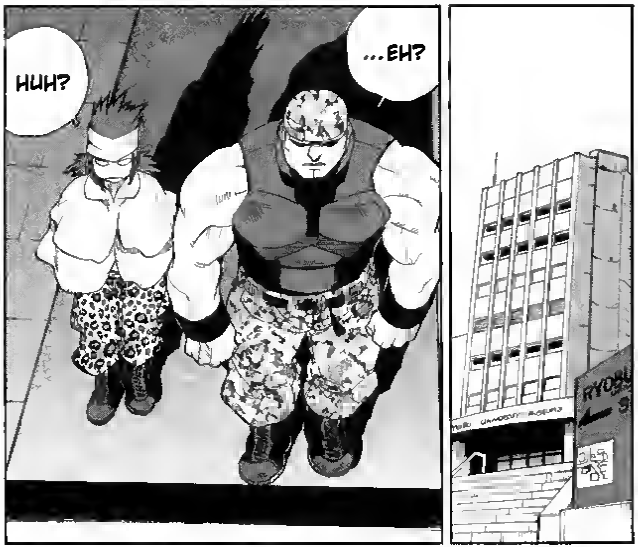
bastard
you
IT'S A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO GIVE A COMPLIMENT TO SOMEBODY.
WHY ARE YOU MAD?
are you mocking me?
STOP THIS, YOU IDIOT.
IT'S HIS SNOT!
I'm such a coward
yeah, I told them that...
DRIP

YOU CALL THIS A COMP-LIMENT?
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF IF A SMALL RICEFISH LOSES TO A SHARK.
I DON'T THINK THAT WAS COWARDLY.

THERE IS NO REASON TRYING TO GO OVER THE TOP.
THIS IS SUFFICIENT.
JUST KEEP YOUR PRIDE WITHIN THE AREA YOU CAN CONTROL, AND IN FACT, YOU DID THAT.

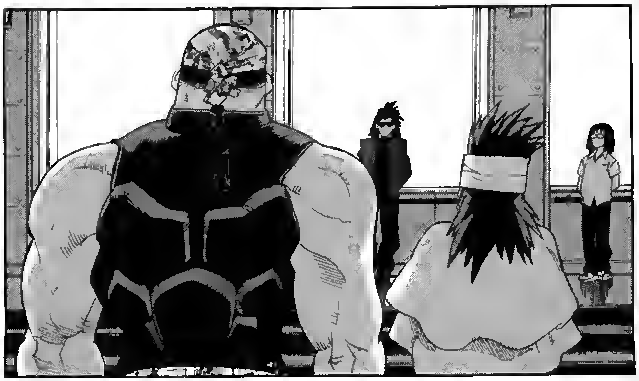
TO TRY TO CHALLENGE THE OCEAN?
IS THERE A REASON FOR SMALL FISHES LIVING IN A BASIN,

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?
BACK TO MY FIRST QUESTION, WHO ARE THOSE TWO?


HUH?
...EH?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

I SAID "DISBAND".
YOU'RE TEMPORARILY DISBANDED.

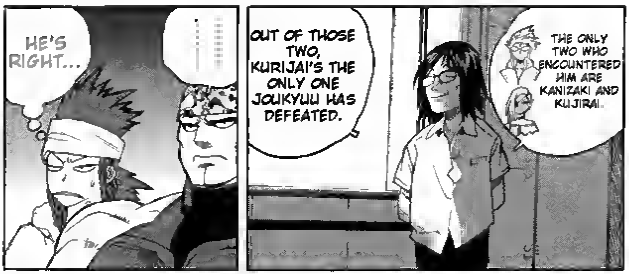


WHAT'S... THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...

YOUR "DREAM"?
HAVE YOU GIVEN UP...

WE'VE COME THIS FAR, AND NOW YOU WANT TO DISBAND?
STOP JOKING! WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BEFORE?

I ASK YOU, HOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY JOUKYUU?
I NEVER SAID THAT.


HE'S RIGHT...
OUT OF THOSE TWO, KURIJAI'S THE ONLY ONE JOUKYUU HAS DEFEATED.
THE ONLY TWO WHO ENCOUNTERED HIM ARE KANIZAKI AND KUJIRAI.

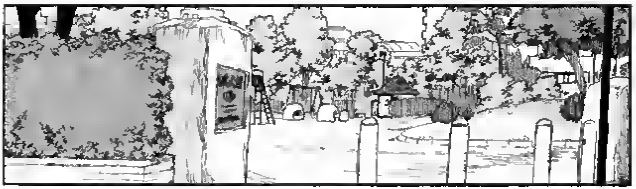
THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO...
DO YOU NOW UNDERSTAND?
BEFORE I CAN REALIZE MY "DREAM"...

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE FEELINGS OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED YOU...
IT'S MAYBE BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN WEAKNESS THAT THEY WERE DEFEATED...

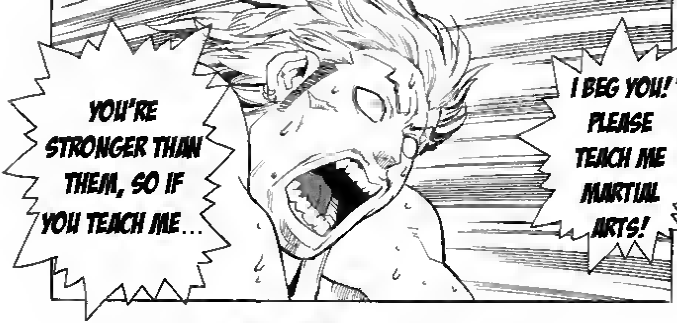
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT WE WEREN'T THAT KIND OF ORGANIZATION FROM THE START?
STOP THE CRAP TALK.
THAT'S WHY I BASICALLY LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE.

I DON'T WANT IT TO END EITHER...
THAT'S UP TO YOU.
BUT I CAN'T SIMPLY LET IT GO LIKE THAT.
YEAH.
THAT IS TRUE ...

I WILL FINISH THIS.
AND THEN, START ANEW...
I WILL NOT LET JOUKYUU SUCCEED.
NOW I NEED TO THINK THROUGH MY NEXT STEP.



I DON'T CARE.
YEAH ...
HE'S DOING LAME STUFF AGAIN.

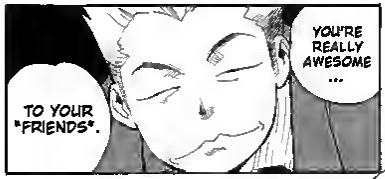

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THEM, SO IF YOU TEACH ME...
I BEG YOU! PLEASE TEACH ME MARTIAL ARTS!

Ah...

YOU'RE LIKE A CHILD ASKING A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER "HOW TO PERFORM A HOMERUN".
TEACH YOU WHAT?

I CAN ALWAYS BORROW IT FROM MY FRIENDS...
YOU WANT MONEY? I HAVE MONEY!

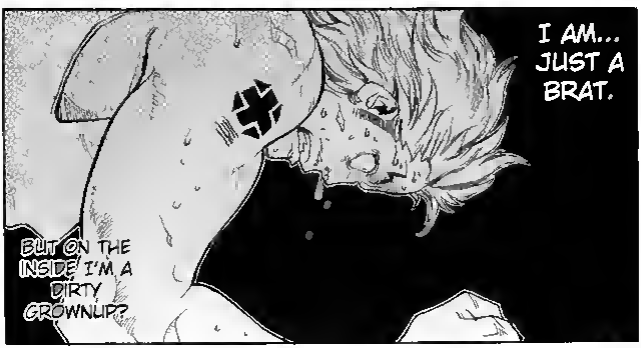
AS LONG AS IT'S MARTIAL ARTS, I'M A QUICK LEARNER
KARATE OR BOXING...


TO YOUR "FRIENDS".
YOU'RE REALLY AWESOME ...

ONLY THINKING OF YOURSELF.
YOU BETRAY THEM,
YOU THROW THEM AWAY ONCE THEY ARE OF NO USE,

THOSE "DIRTY GROWNUPS"?
SO WHAT MAKES YOU ANY DIFFERENT THAN...

SFX. UWOOOOOOH
LET'S GO, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS
YOU TOUCHED A NERVE
I'M BUSY, YOU KNOW
SFX OOOOOOOOOH
DIDN'T YOU JUST EAT SOMETHING?
LET'S GO GRAB A BITE
MY BACK STILL HURTS


I AM... JUST A BRAT.
BUT ON THE INSIDE I'M A DIRTY GROWNUP?

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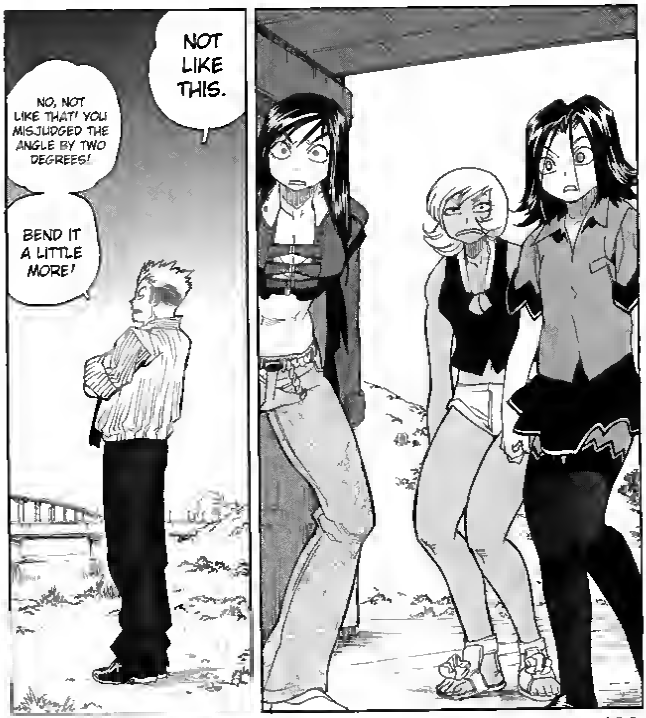
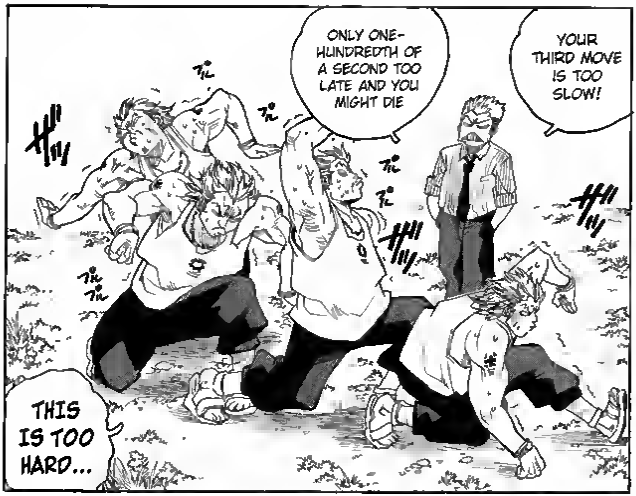
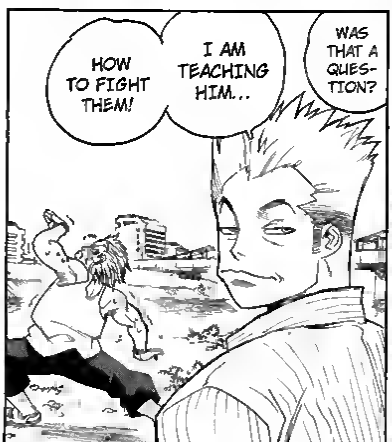
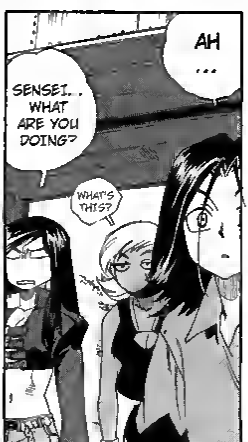
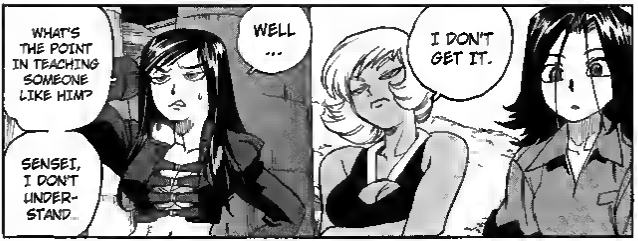

NOT LIKE THIS.
NO, NOT LIKE THAT! YOU MISJUDGED THE ANGLE BY TWO DEGREES!
BEND IT A LITTLE MORE!

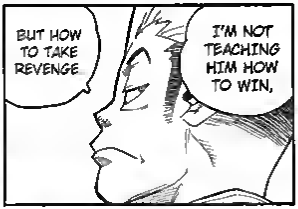

ONLY ONE-HUNDREDTH OF A SECOND TOO LATE AND YOU MIGHT DIE
YOUR THIRD MOVE IS TOO SLOW!
THIS IS TOO HARD...


HOW TO FIGHT THEM!
I AM TEACHING HIM...
WAS THAT A QUESTION?

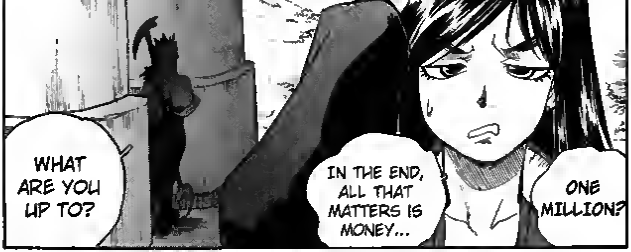

AH ...
SENSEI.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT'S THIS?


WHAT'S THE POINT IN TEACHING SOMEONE LIKE HIM?
SENSEI, I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
WELL ...
I DON'T GET IT.

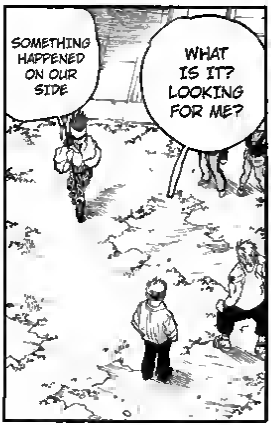
WHY WOULD KUNITOSHI TEACH HIM ANYWAY?
AREN'T BOTH EQUALLY HARD?


BUT HOW TO TAKE REVENGE.
I'M NOT TEACHING HIM HOW TO WIN,

NOT TO DEFEAT THEM, BUT TO TOUCH THEM JUST ONCE.
HE PROMISED ME 1 MILLION YEN.

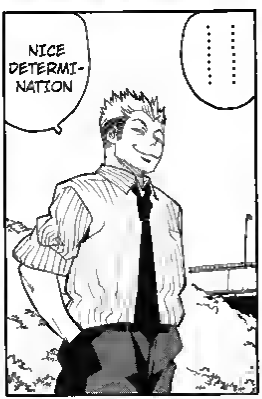

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
IN THE END, ALL THAT MATTERS IS MONEY...
ONE MILLION?

AH, YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THAT BIG GUY!
EH? INOGU-CHI!


SOMETHING HAPPENED ON OUR SIDE
WHAT IS IT? LOOKING FOR ME?

AS A MARTIAL ARTIST, I'D RATHER...
TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO "DEFEAT JOUKYUU" THAN USE SOME DIRTY TRICKS.

I DON'T FEEL LIKE ARGUING WITH YOU.
YOU MUST HAVE A LARGER PENIS THAN ME
THAT SOUNDED VERY MASCULINE


NICE DETERMINATION
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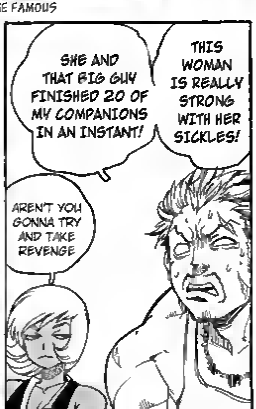
T/N IN OLD TIMES.. WHEN YOU KILLED A STRONG ENEMY.. YOU BECAME FAMOUS


SHE AND THAT BIG GUY FINISHED 20 OF MY COMPANIONS IN AN INSTANT!
THIS WOMAN IS REALLY STRONG WITH HER SICKLES!
AREN'T YOU GONNA TRY AND TAKE REVENGE

IF THEY WANT TO WEAKEN OUR OVERALL STRENGTH, THEY SHOULD START WITH ME OR KIZUKI-SAN.
WHAT MADE THEM CHANGE THEIR MIND?
FINE.
SINCE YOU ARE CHALLENGING ME AS A MARTIAL ARTIST,
I WILL ACCEPT!
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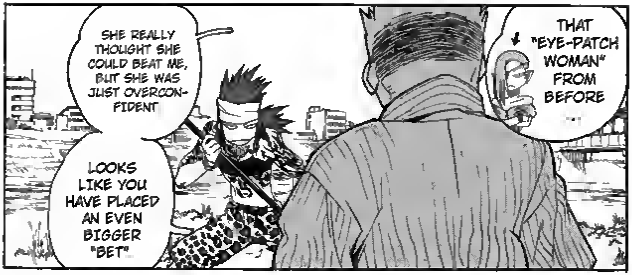
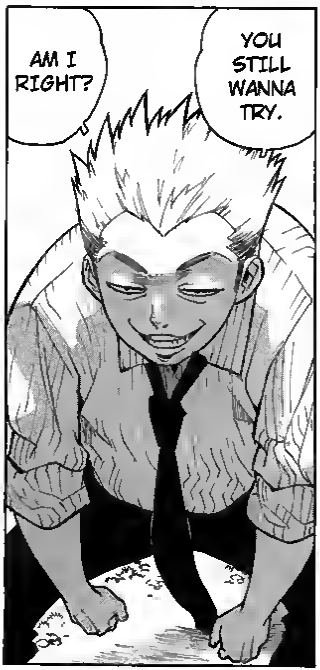

SHE REALLY THOUGHT SHE COULD BEAT ME, BUT SHE WAS JUST OVERCONFIDENT
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE PLACED AN EVEN BIGGER "BET"
THAT "EYE-PATCH WOMAN" FROM BEFORE


AM I RIGHT?
YOU STILL WANNA TRY.

OH WELL ...
EVEN THOUGH YOUR CHANCES OF DEFEATING ME LIE ONLY AT AROUND 10%

A MAR-VELLOUS MARTIAL ARTIST
ONE DAY, YOU WILL BECOME...
I already have!!

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YEAH.
AGAINST STAFF-LIKE WEAPONS LIKE THIS, ONCE THE FRONT PART IS STUCK, IT'S OVER
YEAH, YOUR ADVICE IS REALLY USEFUL
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GUESS I'LL STICK TO THESE!

TWO SMALL SICKLES!
INDEED TWO SMALLER WEAPONS WILL MAKE HER MORE AGILE

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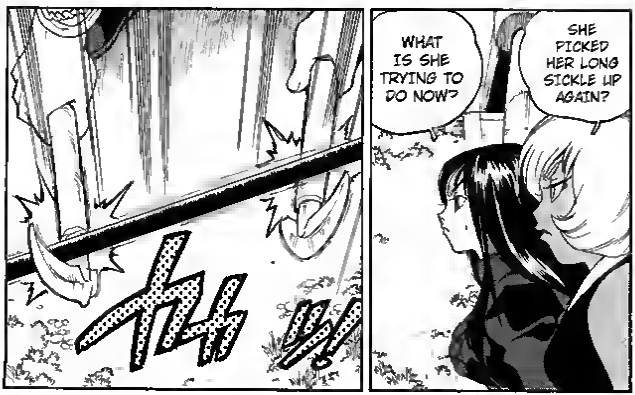
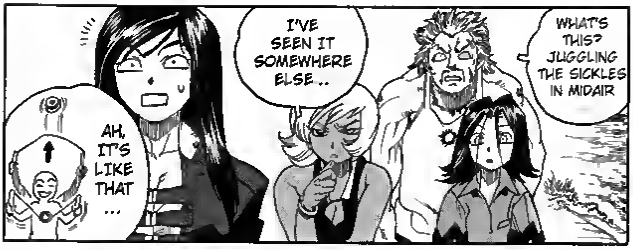
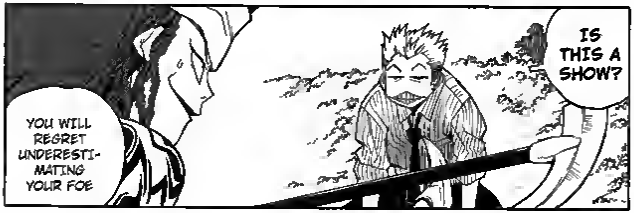
WHAT'S THIS...
FIGHTING BLADES BARE-HANDED?
THEY'RE MOVING SO FAST, IT'S INHUMAN!
YOU GET IT NOW?
THE FACT THAT YOU WANT TO STEP INTO THIS "TERRITORY",
IS LIKE A CHILD WHO HAS JUST LEARNED HOW TO RIDE A BIKE WANTING TO PARTICIPATE IN F1.
YOU UNDER-STAND?
OUR DEAR DELIN-QUENT NO. 1
Hah
Hah
Hah

PAH!!
THAT'S PRETTY HARD TO PREDICT
ATTACKING WITH THE "THUNDER STEP"?
SUPER FAST ATTACKS?
KU!?
I CAN'T LET HIM HIT MY BODY!
DAMN, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SWITCHED TO THE SMALL SICKLES, I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH HIM!
HE'S FRIGHTENING!

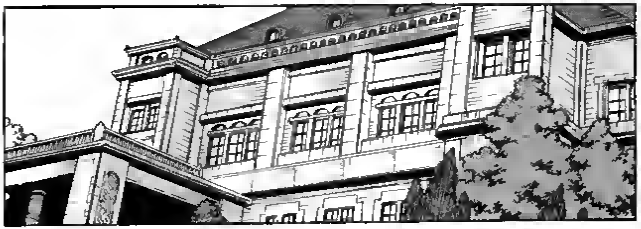
TO SACRIFICE MYSELF WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS!
BUT I'M NOT HERE ...

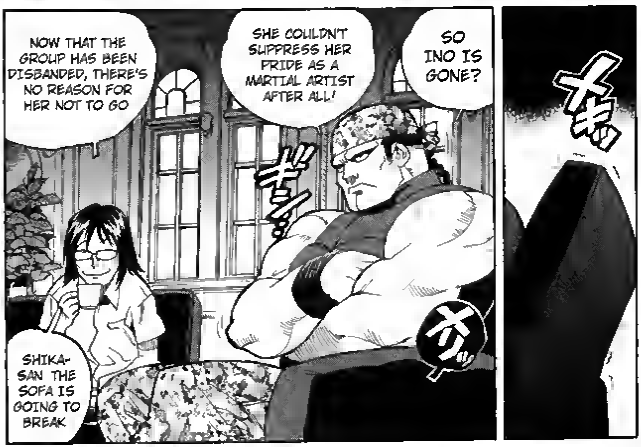

WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO DO NOW?
SHE PICKED HER LONG SICKLE UP AGAIN?


AH, IT'S LIKE THAT ...
I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE ELSE..
WHAT'S THIS? JUGGLING THE SICKLES IN MIDAIR


YOU WILL REGRET UNDERESTI-MATING YOUR FOE
IS THIS A SHOW?

HA!




NOW THAT THE GROUP HAS BEEN DISBANDED, THERE'S NO REASON FOR HER NOT TO GO
SHE COULDN'T SUPPRESS HER PRIDE AS A MARTIAL ARTIST AFTER ALL!
SO INO IS GONE?
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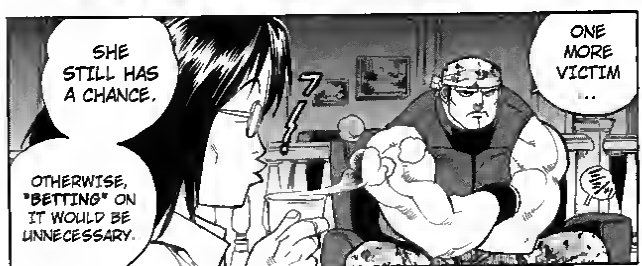
SHIKA-SAN THE SOFA IS GOING TO BREAK


SHE STILL HAS A CHANCE.
OTHERWISE, "BETTING" ON IT WOULD BE UNNECESSARY.
ONE MORE VICTIM ...

JUST SOME LITTLE TRICKS.
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN AGAINST JOUKYUU?
SOME ADVICE?
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SUFFICIENT OR NOT.
BUT I GAVE HER SOME ADVICE.
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THEM?
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.....
PLEASE ...TELL ME.
I CANNOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS.
EVEN IF IT WORKS, HE WILL FIND A WAY TO COUNTER.

BLEED-
ING!?
JO-
JOUKYUU-
SAN IS?

I...
I DID IT!
OH...
I HAVEN'T BLED IN THESE PAST 10 YEARS
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, I'M A LITTLE SHOCKED
THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
NOW, DIE WITH NO REGRETS!

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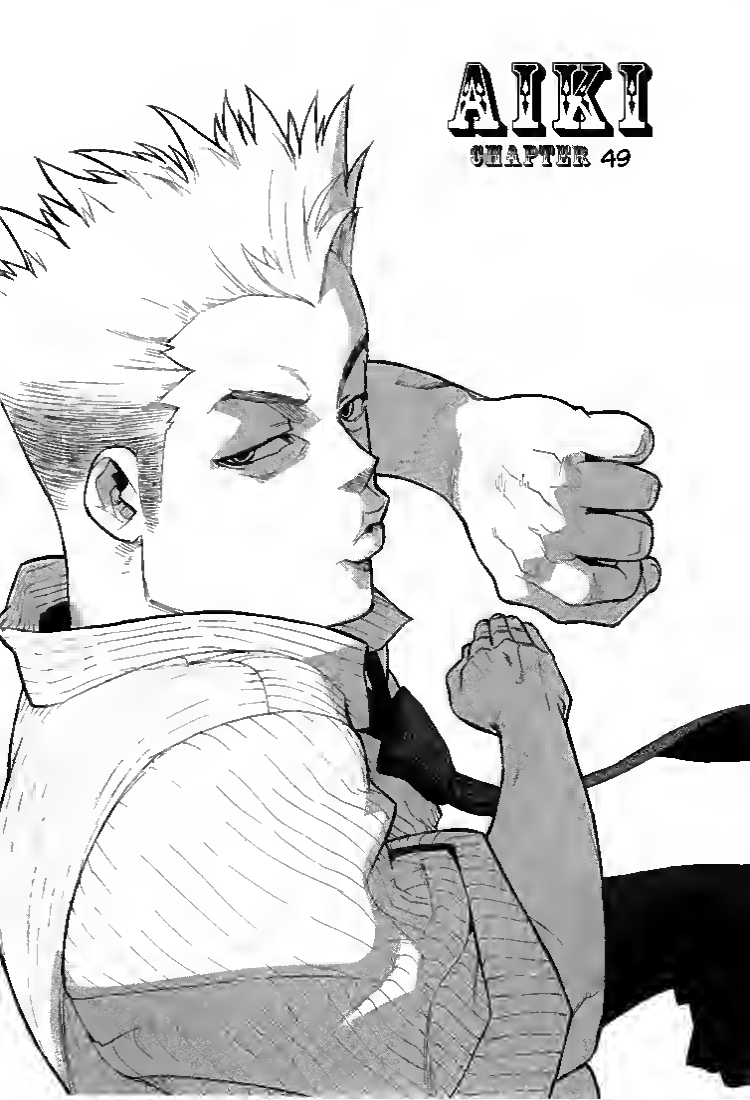
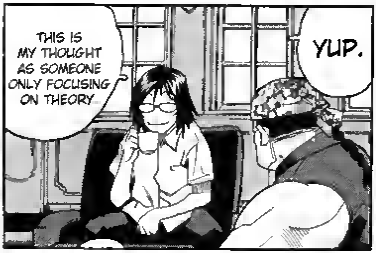


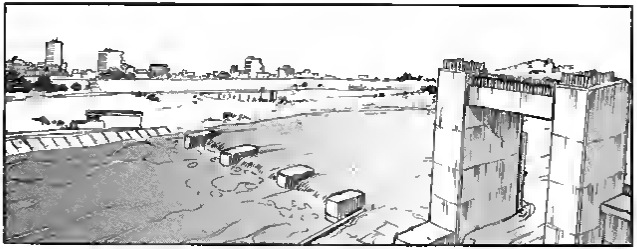
A SHOT-GUN.
IT IS LIKE ...

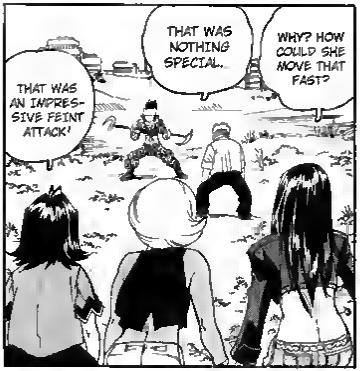

THIS IS MY THOUGHT AS SOMEONE ONLY FOCUSING ON THEORY.
YUP.

HUH?
SHOT-GUN?

YOU'RE MUCH TOO FOCUSED ON PRECISION.
"MASTERS" LIKE YOU ...

THIS DOESN'T MATTER.
IT'S OKAY AS LONG AS YOU HIT.
RIGHT?
GAINING EVERY MILLISECOND YOU CAN
AIMING FOR THE MOST ACCURATE SPOTS,
USING THE PERFECT STRENGTH TO STRIKE AT THE IDEAL ANGLE.
BUT TO US OUTSIDERS




THAT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE FEINT ATTACK!
THAT WAS NOTHING SPECIAL...
WHY? HOW COULD SHE MOVE THAT FAST?

HE ISN'T REALLY STRONG?
SO I TRAINED FOR NOTHING?
HEY, WHAT'S THAT? HE'S GONNA LOSE?

YOU PLACED EVERYTHING ON THIS BET, BUT YOU COULDN'T HURT ME SEVERELY!
HEY, ARE YOU SATISIFIED WITH THIS?
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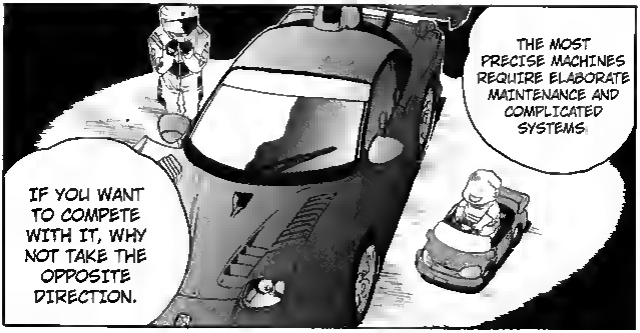
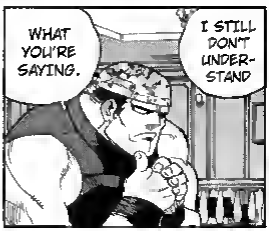
YOU AREN'T "AIMING FOR ONE SPOT", BUT RATHER "AIMING FOR AN AREA".
HAVE YOU THOUGHT THIS THROUGH... OR DIDN'T YOU THINK ANYTHING?
HOW ABOUT GIVING UP YOUR PRECISION...
THAT'S RIGHT.
NOT A SPOT?
AREA?


THE MOST PRECISE MACHINES REQUIRE ELABORATE MAINTENANCE AND COMPLICATED SYSTEMS.
IF YOU WANT TO COMPETE WITH IT, WHY NOT TAKE THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

JUST ATTACK GENER-OUSLY.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU.
I'M SORRY, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC?


WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND

THEN HOW ABOUT USING A "SHOTGUN" INSTEAD?
I MEAN, IF A "SNIPER RIFLE" IS NOT GOING TO WORK,

HOWEVER... EVEN IF YOU HIT YOUR OPPONENT,
IF YOU CANNOT DISABLE HIS POWER WITH THAT STRIKE,
THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A HEAVY COUNTER.

WHAT DID HE DO?
EXPLAINING THIS TO YOU..
WILL PROBABLY TAKE 10 MINUTES, SO BE QUIET!
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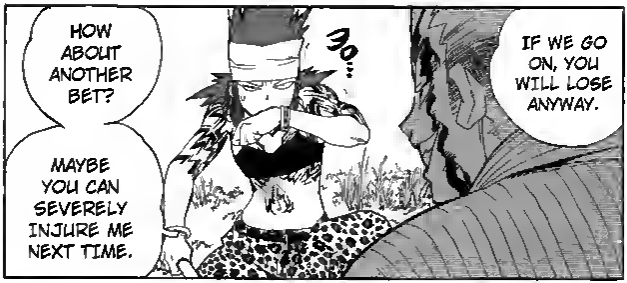
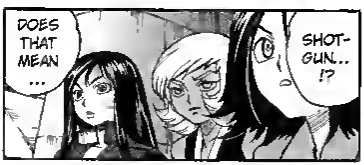
!?
UH... THAT WAS..
DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS "IAI HARAI" ...
I GUESS YOU COULD USE THAT MOVE AGAIN ...
BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MOVE THAT A "MASTER" COMES UP WITH,
DID THAT FOUR EYES TELL YOU TO DO THAT MOVE?


IF WE GO ON, YOU WILL LOSE ANYWAY.
Ehh...
HOW ABOUT ANOTHER BET?
MAYBE YOU CAN SEVERELY INJURE ME NEXT TIME.


SHOT-GUN..!?
DOES THAT MEAN ...

LET'S SEE IF MY PRECISE SNIPING,
OR YOUR SHOTGUN IS STRON-GER?

SHE'S USING THE SAME MOVE AGAIN!
THAT IS...

HER CHAIN SICKLE ATTACK DIRECTION IS ALSO COMPLETELY RANDOM?
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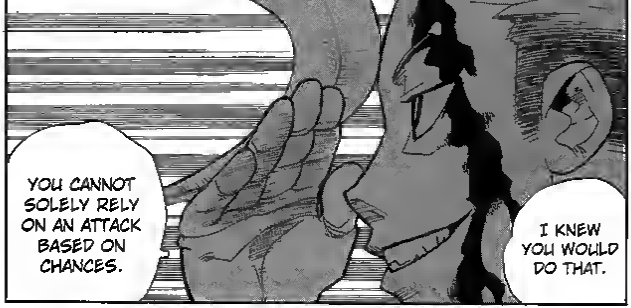
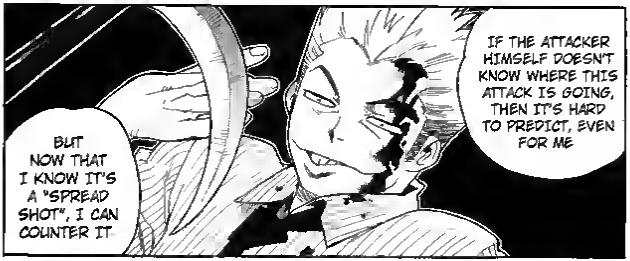
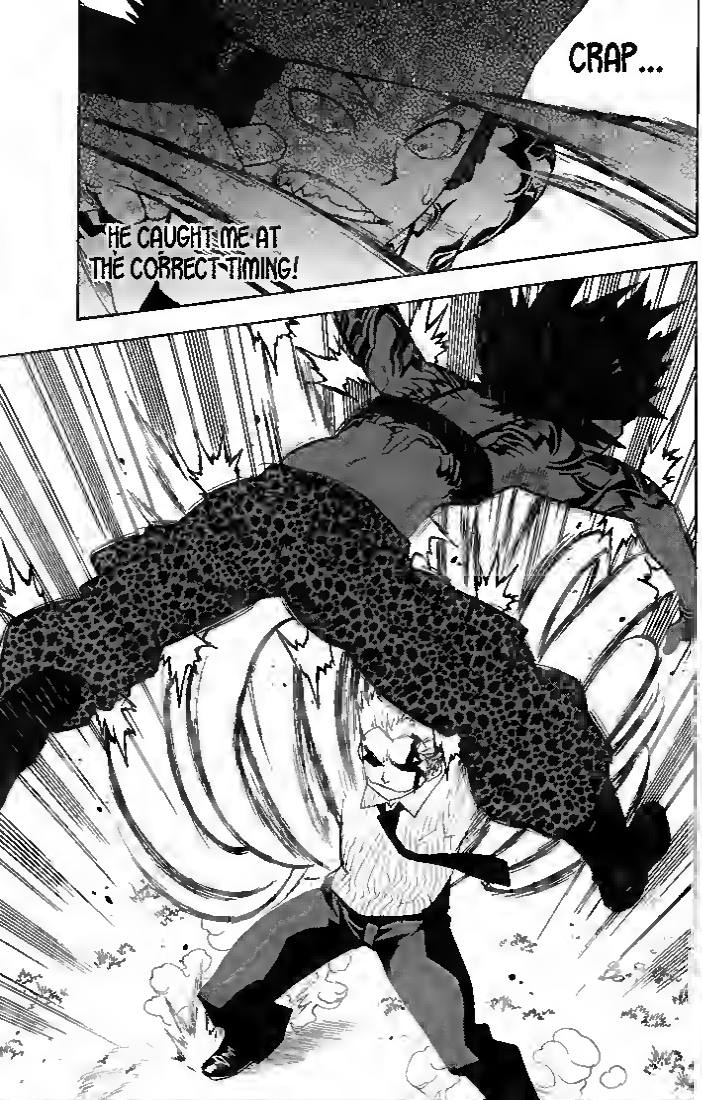
SHE CLOSES HER EYES WHEN ATTACKING!
SHE'S NOT FOCUSING ON ONE SPOT ON PURPOSE?

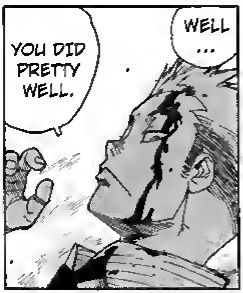
AH!
WHY ISN'T SENSEI MOVING?

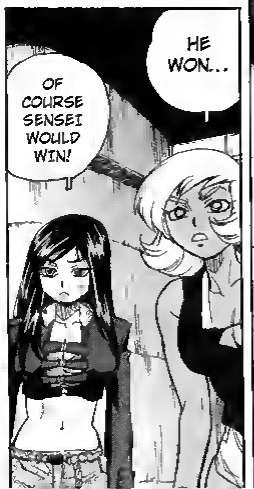

YOU CANNOT SOLELY RELY ON AN ATTACK BASED ON CHANCES.
I KNEW YOU WOULD DO THAT.

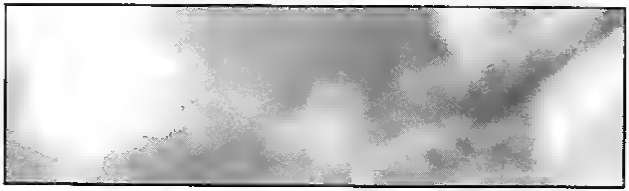

IF THE ATTACKER HIMSELF DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THIS ATTACK IS GOING, THEN IT'S HARD TO PREDICT, EVEN FOR ME
BUT NOW THAT I KNOW IT'S A "SPREAD SHOT", I CAN COUNTER IT

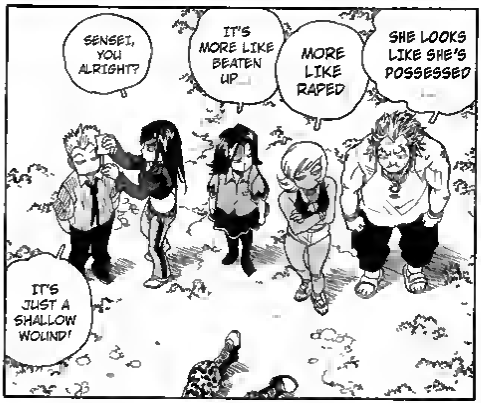
IF YOU USE THIS AGAIN, I CAN COUNTER "FOR SURE",
BECAUSE I AM GUARANTEED TO KNOW YOUR MOVE


CRAP...
HE CAUGHT ME AT THE CORRECT TIMING!


WELL ...
YOU DID PRETTY WELL.

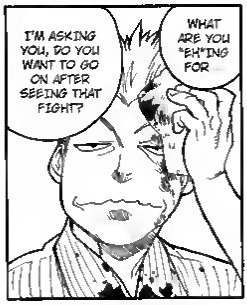

HE WON..
OF COURSE SENSEI WOULD WIN!

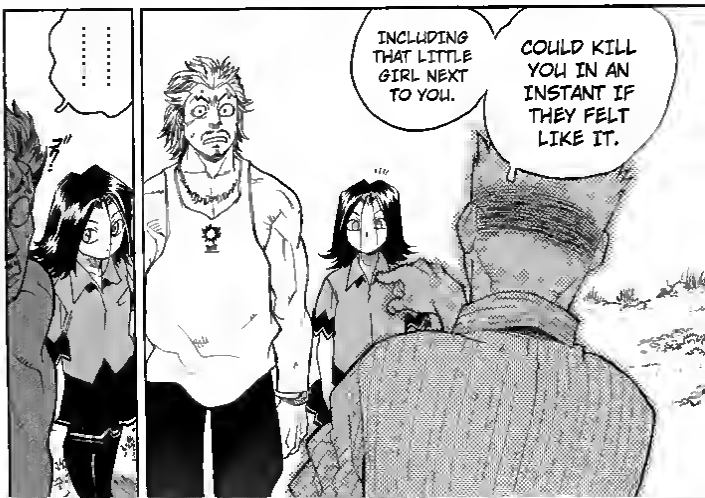



SENSEI, YOU ALRIGHT?
IT'S MORE LIKE BEATEN UP
MORE LIKE RAPED
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S POSSESSED
IT'S JUST A SHALLOW WOUND!

EH?
YOU STILL HAVE THE TIME TO QUIT.
HOW IS IT, BULL?

NO MATTER HOW STUPID YOU ARE, YOU SHOULD'VE REALIZED IT
EVERYONE HERE, EXCEPT YOURSELF ...


I'M ASKING YOU, DO YOU WANT TO GO ON AFTER SEEING THAT FIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU "EH"ING FOR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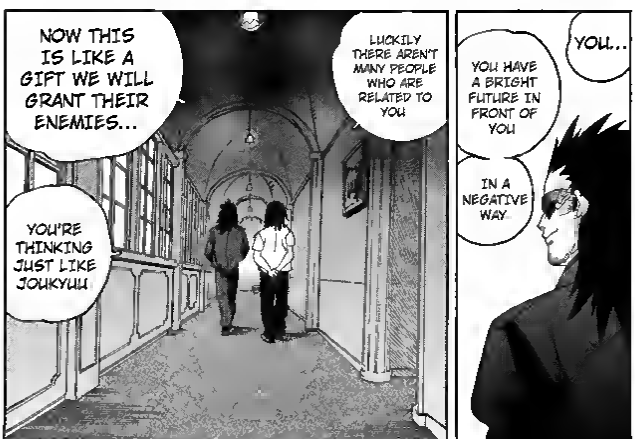
INCLUDING THAT LITTLE GIRL NEXT TO YOU.
COULD KILL YOU IN AN INSTANT IF THEY FELT LIKE IT.

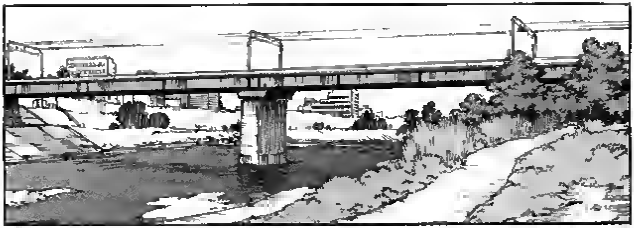
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT OUT AS WELL, SHIKA-SAN?
I THINK I GET IT NOW
I'LL THINK OF A WAY...
MAYBE LATER
OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN DISBANDED ANYWAY
MY OWN SOLUTION
DON'T OVERDO IT.

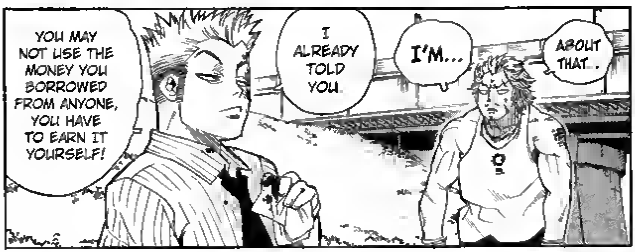
YES.
ALL GONE?
DON'T FORGET THE POSSIBLE RESULT
YEAH, THIS MIGHT BE TROUBLE-SOME
VERY WELL ...
I SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE FINAL ACT THEN.
THOSE WHO I HAVE DIS-BANDED...
I GUESS THEIR REVENGE WILL BE FIERCE?

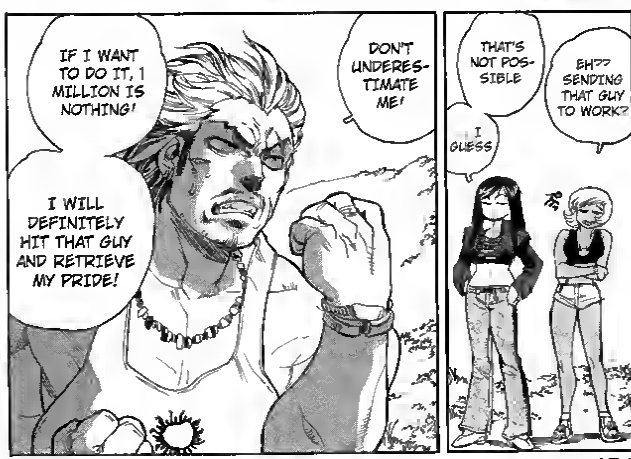
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?
WHO KNOWS.

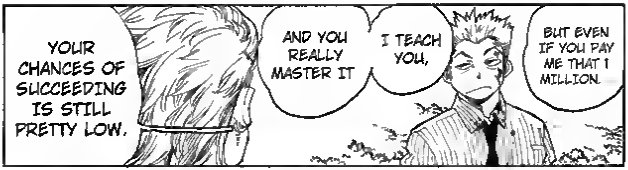
WE SHOULD ELIMINATE ALL OF THEM...
BEFORE THEY EVEN GET TO KNOW ABOUT OUR DECISION.


NOW THIS IS LIKE A GIFT WE WILL GRANT THEIR ENEMIES...
LUCKILY THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE RELATED TO YOU
YOU'RE THINKING JUST LIKE JOUKYUU
YOU...
YOU HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE IN FRONT OF YOU
IN A NEGATIVE WAY

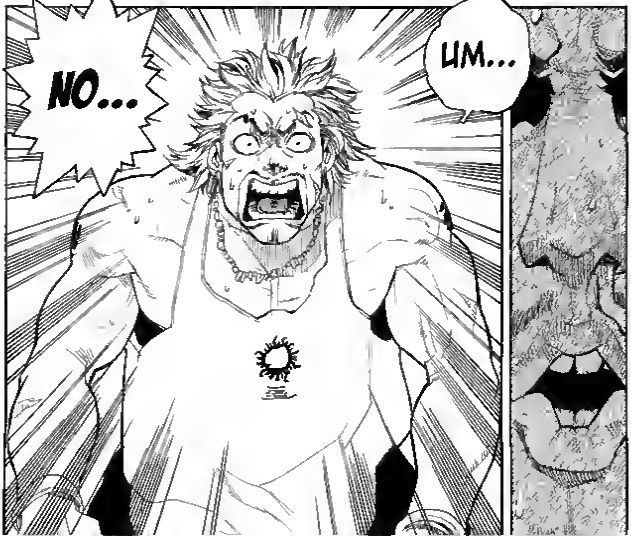



YOU MAY NOT USE THE MONEY YOU BORROWED FROM ANYONE, YOU HAVE TO EARN IT YOURSELF!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU.
I'M...
ABOUT THAT..


IF I WANT TO DO IT, 1 MILLION IS NOTHING!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!
I WILL DEFINITELY HIT THAT GUY AND RETRIEVE MY PRIDE!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
EH?? SENDING THAT GUY TO WORK?
I GUESS


BUT EVEN IF YOU PAY ME THAT 1 MILLION.
I TEACH YOU,
AND YOU REALLY MASTER IT
YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCEEDING IS STILL PRETTY LOW.

ONCE HE STRIKES BACK, IT IS MOST LIKELY YOU WILL GET SEVERELY INJURED
YOU MIGHT EVEN DIE
YOU STILL WANNA DO IT?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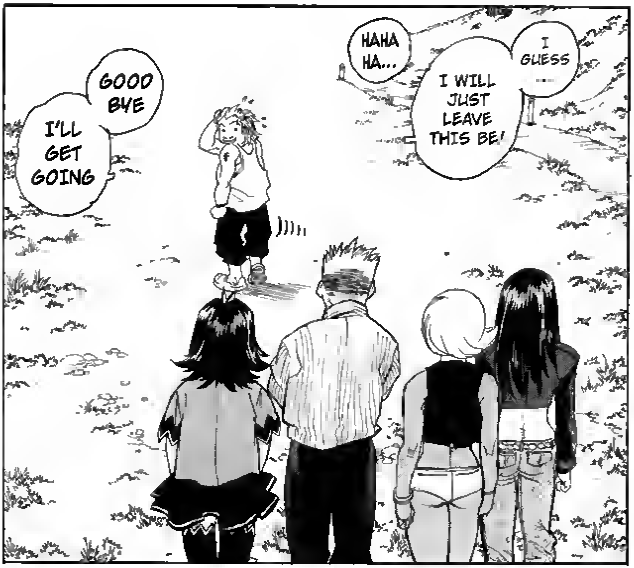

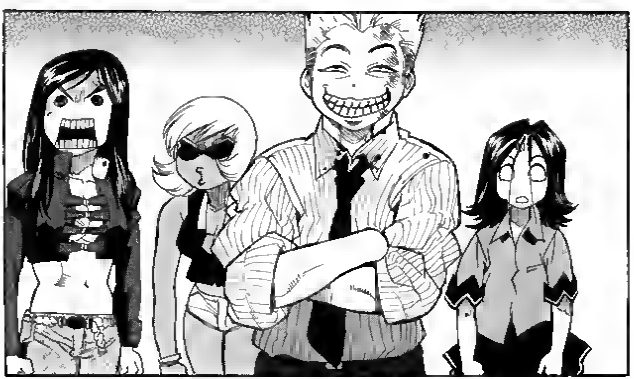

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